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Campaigners' prescription is for better communication

By George Welch

THE health provider responsible for the future of GP services in West Oxfordshire needs to improve its communication if it wants to rebuild trust.

Dozens of people packed the Masonic Hall in Witney last week to discuss how to reduce the strain on general practice and primary care in the area.

Ideas raised with the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group included working with councils more to share funds from Section 106 money given by developers, a greater focus on preventative care and Witney's community hospital becoming a 'hub' of essential services.

Health campaigners and councillors lambasted the OCCG for previous failings in its interaction over March's closure of Deer Park Medical Centre.

District councillor Jane Doughty said the OCCG needs to rebuild trust following the closure of the Edington Square practice.

She said: "We're not just being negative and difficult, because we want to work with these people but they need to listen but unfortunately there's no communication – it's like the door is locked."

West Oxfordshire District Council's cabinet member for health, Jeanette Baker, said: "I'm very keen on the big 'C' – communication – and I would like to see more joined up thinking with everything that's going on at the moment."

Dr Kiren Collison, who will take up her role as OCCG clinical chair next month, said communication is something the health body would work on.

She added: "The meeting raised a lot of ideas. It's good to know that a lot of what people were saying is a lot of what local GPs have been saying, so we're on the same wavelength."

But some remain sceptical.

County councillor Liam Walker said he feared concerns would 'fall on deaf ears' and questioned whether the meeting was a box ticking exercise.

In July, an independent panel of experts ordered the OCCG to carry out a 'comprehensive' health plan for West Oxfordshire within six months after failing to 'effectively engage' with patients at Deer Park.

Other ideas raised at the meeting comprised improving receptionist training, working with the voluntary sector and using social media to engage with younger people.

The town's deputy mayor, Brenda Churchill, said the Deer Park Campaign Group, which she chairs, will hold a public meeting without the OCCG and is exploring the option of forming a community surgery.

The OCCG is expected to publish its plan in January.

EYNSHAM fire station paid tribute to servicemen and women in an original and touching way.

A video featuring members of the fire station making a huge poppy out of water hose pipes has now had more than 450,000 views since it was posted earlier this week.

Filmed overhead, the crew lay down the water hose step by step before saluting to the camera.

The crew filmed the video as their mark of honour ahead of Remembrance Day.

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Nurses from India to help fill vacant posts in county

By Samantha McGregor

HOSPITALS in Oxfordshire are turning to nurses in India to fill vacant posts.

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH) confirmed it had made 175 conditional job offers to nurses from India.

They were hired after a team from Oxford staged a week-long recruitment drive in Delhi, Mumbai and Cochin in October, when qualified nurses wishing to pursue a career in the UK were interviewed.

It comes after the Nursing and Midwifery Council, NMC, released figures showing "for the first time" there were more nurses and midwives leaving the register than joining it.

It also said the number joining the register from the EU had "dropped dramatically from 10,178 last year to 1,107 this year, a fall of 89 per cent".

OUH said the nurses were currently working through the initial stages of their NMC applications and English language assessments, which need to be completed before they arrive in early 2018.

Andrew Carter, an associate chief nurse, who led the recruitment campaign in India, said: "The recruitment drive was a great success and we were able to make conditional job offers to 175 of the candidates we interviewed.

"We are very pleased to have found so many talented nurses who have expressed an interest in working at OUH.

"We are hopeful as many of those as possible will come on board, however, factors such as visa applications and the NMC English language test may result in a lesser number."

The trust said it currently had about 70 nursing vacancies and had been forced to close beds due to staff shortages.

Nurses recruited from Spain and Ireland are due to start in the next few months.

In order to ensure nursing posts are filled, the trust is planning a second overseas recruitment drive this time in the Philippines in December.

Mr Carter added: "It is more important than ever before to search for talent both locally and further afield, ensuring that we have the highest possible calibre of staff to deliver excellent care to our patients.

"We are also making efforts to recruit the next generation of nurses by working closely with students at Oxford Brookes University who are approaching the end of their nursing studies."

'Extreme cruelty' as hamster burnt with cigarette

THE RSPCA is appealing for information after a hamster was found with "shocking injuries".

The RSPCA said the creature was found by a member of the public with cigarette burns to both back legs, a chicken bone wedged in one cheek pouch and earth and stones in the other.

The hamster, which was found in Holford Road, Witney, on Monday last week, has since died from its injuries.

RSPCA Inspector Andy Eddy said: "It's horrendous to think that someone injured the hamster deliberately.

"There is simply no excuse for such extreme cruelty.

"Sadly the hamster died because of the severity of his injuries but we are very grateful to the member of the public who tried to save him by rushing him to a vet and thank them for their help and support."

Inspector Eddy is now appealing for anyone with any information about "how the rodent came to be abandoned with such shocking injuries".

He added: "We would like to hear from anyone who can shed any light on what happened or how the hamster came to be dumped in such a terrible state."

Anyone with information should call 0300 123 8018.

Flytipper struck twice in one day

A MAN has been jailed after fly-tipping twice on the same day.

Paul John Tidbury, 29, of Burchell Road, Newbury, was sentenced to eight weeks in prison after pleading guilty to two offences of breaching the Environment Protection Act 1990 at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Friday.

He was also ordered to pay a total of £315.

The District Judge heard how, on October 4, 2016, a police community support officer witnessed Mr Tidbury dumping building sand in East Challow at the site of the former Challow Country Club.

The vehicle used to dump the rubbish, a white transit van, was stopped the same day in Wantage.

Police then received a report of a fly-tip off Bury Lane near Chilton.

This time the incident had been captured on CCTV.

The footage showed the same van being used to dump similar rubbish.

This was the first time that someone has been jailed for fly-tipping in the Vale of White Horse.

Cllr Elaine Ware, cabinet member for environmental health at the Vale said: "Fly-tipping is a serious crime which costs significant public money to clean up and investigate."

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Dozens of Santas of all ages took part in the festive promotion to raise funds ahead of the event and get more people to sign up.

The charity and hospice works to support and care for children and young adults suffering from terminal illnesses.

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Scooter and sidecar pair bid to break Guinness World Record

By Samantha McGregor

TWO friends from Banbury are attempting a Guinness World Record by circumnavigating the globe riding a scooter and sidecar.

Just a few weeks ago Matt Bishop, 26, and Reece Gilkes, 25, both former travel consultants, left England to embark on an 18-month round the world trip in which they will ride 40,000 miles across more than 50 countries.

Their send-off involved riding from London to Paris to rally against modern day slavery with 65 others.

Now the pair are on their own - they have already made it through the Alps to Lake Bled in Slovenia and are about to head south for Africa.

Reece said: "We had absolutely no experience with motorbikes whatsoever. We didn't even know how they worked, let alone how to ride one.

"We had absolutely no mechanical expertise, but we quickly learned the basics when we needed to put a chain back on, in the dark, in the rain and on the side of a road.

"We've also undertaken emergency survival training with Survival Wisdom to better prepare ourselves for the expedition."

The trip has been two years in planning and is being sponsored by Flight Centre UK.

It will involve travelling on a Honda SH300i scooter and a home-made sidecar across a mixture of tarmac, mud, gravel, ice and sand, with temperatures reaching highs of 40c and lows of minus 30c.

They want to raise awareness of modern day slavery and raise £50,000 for organisations including Unseen UK and Freedom United that fight the issue.

Matt said: "I genuinely believe somebody needs to go around the world and tell real stories of real people.

"Hate crime is on the rise pretty much everywhere, a lot of scaremongering and fear seems to be creeping in to people's decisions back home and I think we could all do with a silly little reminder of just how similar everyone is everywhere and how brilliant the vast majority of the people on the planet are."

As for the trip so far, Matt said: "We've been doing it for two weeks now and probably have around another 75 weeks to go. It's a strange feeling to just keep driving.

"We're going a bit loopy on the road.

"We talk to each other through an intercom and spend most of our days singing songs in the voices of various TV characters – Boycie from Only Fools and Horses has made regular appearances."

In preparation for the trip Matt and Reece completed a 2,200-mile ride from London to Lands' End, to John O'Groats, to London again on a couple of Yamaha YBR 125's last December.

To learn more about the expedition, or to donate view asseenfromthesidecar.org.

Matt Bishop and Reece Gilkes, pictured here in The Mall, are travelling across more than 50 countries to raise awareness of modern day slavery

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Hot ash sparks fire

RESIDENTS had a lucky escape after ashes that had been stored in a garage caught alight and started a blaze.

Fire fighters were called to a "serious" fire in a house garage in Little Bourton, near Banbury, just before 2am, on Thursday last week.

To complicate matters the crew had to firstly move a caravan that was parked up tight to the garage door.

Watch manager John Callaway stressed the importance of smoke detectors.

He said: "The fire spread to a large store of firewood from some hot ashes which had been placed in a plastic bag within the garage some 18 hours before and which had developed unnoticed slowly throughout the day.

"The residents had gone to bed not knowing of the dangerous situation happening in their garage and were so lucky to be woken by their smoke alarm operating when the smoke started to seep into their home."

He said ash can remain hot for several days and should be completely cold before disposal.

Suspected arson

TWO off duty fire fighters in Bicester put out a car fire after seeing smoke coming from it as they walked past.

The incident, just before midnight on November 4, is being treated as arson by police.

The Fire Service said it believed the vehicle was unlocked when it was set alight, but the quick-thinking of the off-duty fire fighters meant the damage was limited to the seat and part of the bulkhead.

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PEOPLE across north Oxfordshire and Chipping Norton are being urged to have their say over future health services.

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The challenges facing primary care across the country will be highlighted at the meeting at Chipping Norton Town Hall on Tuesday; these include a growing older population, recruitment of new doctors and providing care closer to home.

All information will be used to help inform the primary care framework, which will set out a vision for the future of primary care services in Oxfordshire over the next five years.

Chairman of the North Oxfordshire Patient and Public Forum Anita Higham said: "I would urge local people to attend the meeting to tell us their views on priorities for developing primary care services in North Oxfordshire.

"It is important patients help shape local health services because they are often the first port of call for people who feel sick or need advice, so we want a service that meets their needs."

For more information or to register for the meeting, organised by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (7.30pm start) email hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk or call 01865 520520.

MP posts good news about letter boxes

RESIDENTS at new Bicester housing estate Kingsmere can officially connect with the rest of the world.

Five years after the first homes were built there, the Royal Mail has installed a post box.

It comes after pressure from Bicester's MP Victoria Prentis and Kingsmere Residents' Association.

The post box is positioned near the newly-built St Edburg's Primary School. The site will feature a community centre and shops open there in March next year.

Mrs Prentis said she has been petitioning Royal Mail for post boxes on all new estates across her constituency, including Elmsbrook and Graven Hill in Bicester, and Longford Park in Banbury, including raising it during Prime Minister's question time.

She said: "With north Oxfordshire experiencing some of the highest levels of growth in the country, it is important that community facilities such as post boxes are provided in conjunction with house building.

"While some people may think that the issue of post boxes is a trivial matter, they really are vital for residents' continuing their normal day to day lives after moving to a new area.

"I understand that a lot of correspondence is dealt with online, but my constituents still regularly send letters, particularly the elderly."

The box was officially unveiled by Mrs Prentis and Viki Heil, co-chairman of the residents' association last week, *pictured*.

InBrief

Nursery to open

FAMILIES living in Upper Heyford and the surrounding areas will soon benefit from a new nursery.

Plans were approved last month by Cherwell District Council to house a nursery in a temporary building at the former US Air Force Base at Upper Heyford for up to 10 years.

Planning committee chairman Cllr David Hughes said: "Now that families can request up to 600 free hours a year at the nursery, we have to make sure that there are enough facilities to cover the growing demand."

Seasonal sale

CHRISTMAS shoppers will be able to find gifts with a difference at a popular festive sale.

Clubs and charities will sell seasonal presents at the town mayor's annual Christmas Bazaar at Banbury Town Hall on November 25.

Admission is free and the sale runs from 9.30am to 4pm. Refreshments are available.

Clubs and charities who want to book a stall should contact Ann Sewell at Banbury Town Council on 01295 250340 or email info@banbury.gov.uk

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Community buses 'an essential rural service'

By Samantha McGregor

WITNEY MP Robert Courts has pledged his support to a community bus scheme after its expansion was stalled over a technical hitch.

The government wants to change the way permits for community transport schemes are issued by classing them as "commercial" entities rather than not-for-profit organisations.

It would mean charity schemes had to run under an operators' licence rather than a permit which is more costly to run and has different rules.

The Department for Transport made the decision after a challenge by a business which was undercut by a community group for a contract.

Now the move threatens to change the operating terms for all community transport groups, most of whom only cover routes that are not financially viable and have been abandoned by commercial operators.

West Oxfordshire Community Transport's operations manager Andrew Lyon said the change had "paralysed" the community bus industry.

The group runs two buses across three routes and had planned to add a fourth route to the service.

Robert Courts MP chats to a fellow passenger about the service

But because of the technical change, the application has yet to be approved almost two months on. Previously the application process took about 28 days.

Mr Lyon said: "The first major obstacle we have to overcome is that we have to get another permit. We are ready to go, we even had drivers in place – it's just so frustrating.

"We are filling the gaps left by commercial companies who have abandoned the routes.

"It's not just us in this situation - it has paralysed many community bus projects across the country."

Currently the community service transports about 700 people every week.

Earlier, Mr Courts visited the bus service to see it for himself and has since pledged his "unwavering support" when the matter comes before Parliament.

He said: "I had the chance to speak to some passengers this morning and they told me just how vital the service is to them.

"Quite simply, community transport is an essential service in west Oxfordshire and without it a great many people would be left isolated, unable to go to the shops or the doctors, or even out to visit family and friends."

The community transport group took over the running of the 214 and 215 routes in January this year and later created the 213 route.

Stagecoach previously operated bus services until Oxfordshire County Council stopped subsiding them.

The Department for Transport was contacted for comment.

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Thousands enjoy burning Parliament

THE Houses of Parliament were burned to the ground in a London-themed fireworks celebration.

Wallingford set designers spent more than 100 hours building a 24ft effigy from paper only to see it torched at the Kinecroft on Saturday.

Ron Quinton, from Wallingford Corn Exchange, built this year's feature to celebrate bonfire night.

The impressive effigy is a scaled down version of the historic building and was the main feature of the night.

The highlight of the night came after a long process of drawing and cutting out the structure in the Corn Exchange workshop before transporting it to Haynes Garage on Hithercroft and painting it.

Mark Brett, one of the organisers, said: "The Houses of Parliament atop the bonfire was amazing. Without the generous donations of time, money and goodwill from the people of Wallingford events like this could not take place and the town would be worse off."

Any ideas for next year's effigy can be emailed to markbrett@yahoo.com.

Dealer found in city centre with a knife and stun gun

By George Welch

A DRUG-DEALING teenager caught in central Oxford armed with a knife and a stun gun has been jailed.

Ryan Austin, 19, of Penn Road, Milton Keynes, has been sentenced to a total of five years' imprisonment for drugs and firearms offences.

Thames Valley Police officers spotted him talking to known drug users in George Street Mews on August 1.

When officers attempted to stop him, he ran away but was later stopped.

He was found in possession of

50 wraps of class A drugs, as well as the knife and a stun gun.

Austin was charged with the offences the following day and was convicted and sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on October 26.

He pleaded guilty to possessing a prohibited weapon, having a pointed blade in a public place, possession with intent to supply heroin and possession with intent to supply cocaine.

Investigating officer, Sergeant Pete Neale, of the Oxford Central Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "This is an excellent result for everyone involved in this investigation.

"We are committed to ensuring dangerous articles are taken out of circulation, reducing the incidences of drug related crime and ensuring widespread public safety."

MP vows to fight for voting rights

AN Oxfordshire MP has pledged to keep fighting for the right for 16 and 17 year olds to vote.

Oxford West and Abingdon's MP Layla Moran called for the law to be changed in a House of Commons debate last week to enable young people to vote in elections and referendums.

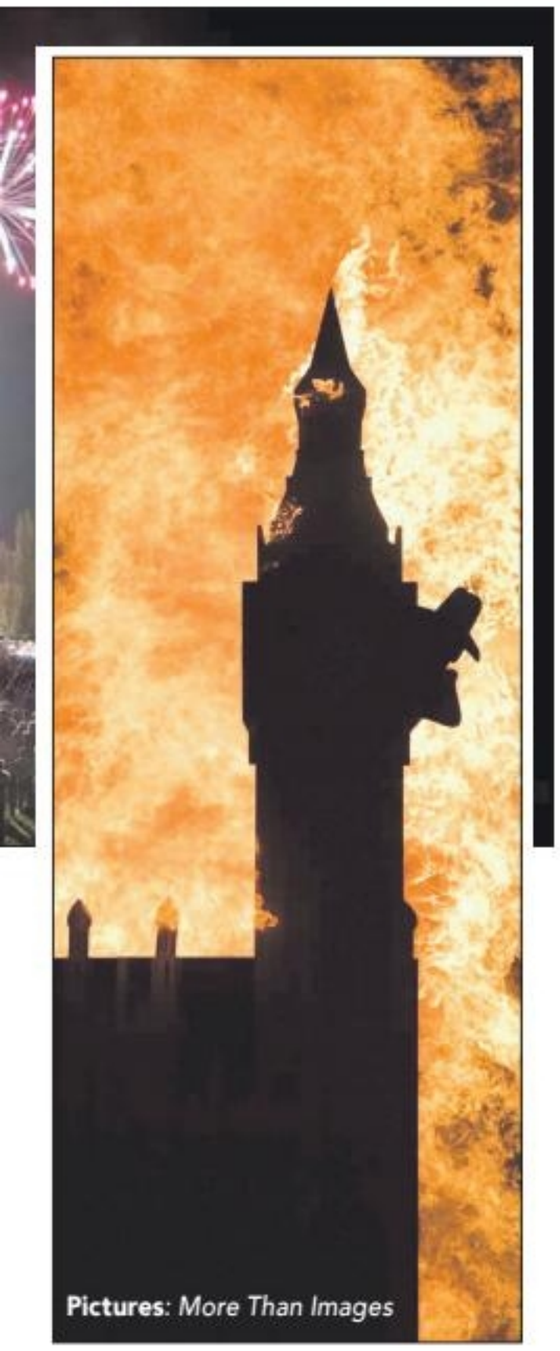
Due to a lack of time, MPs were unable to vote on the issue, and the MP said she was disappointed she and others in favour of the motion were 'denied a chance' to vote.

Speaking during the debate Ms Moran said that 10 years as a teacher had persuaded her that it was wrong to think that young people know less about politics, or aren't interested in decisions affecting local communities and the country as a whole.

Commenting after the debate, Ms Moran said:"Residents from across Oxford, Kidlington and Abingdon – of all ages – have contacted me to ask me to support this change in the law, and I have to say I entirely agree with them.

"If 16 and 17 year olds can vote in local elections and referendums in Scotland then they really should be allowed to do so here too – and as a former teacher I am well aware of how engaged young people are with politics and the issues that affect us locally, nationally and internationally."

She added: "I'll be keeping up the fight to convince the government to change the law."



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£250m bid submitted for roads and bridges

'Essential infrastructure' for garden town plans

By Samantha McGregor

PLANS to improve road links between Didcot and Culham have taken a step forward after a bid for £250million was submitted.

Oxfordshire County Council wants the government to fund "essential infrastructure" including a road bridge across the River Thames, a new duel carriageway and a bypass.

The council said the road improvements were necessary as plans for Didcot Garden Town moved forward.

The £250m would fund a road across the Thames linking Didcot and Culham Science Centre, which is estimated to cost more than £100m, a bypass for Clifton Hampden, creating a duel carriageway at the A4130 Didcot ring road and a new bridge over the ring road and railway.

A decision over funding is expected to be made by the government next summer.

Gerry Brough, who heads up the garden town plan said the road improvements were essential if the garden town plans and South Oxfordshire District Council's Local Plan for thousands of new homes and jobs are to be achieved between now and 2033.

South Oxfordshire District Council leader John Cotton is optimistic about gaining the funding

He said the county council were up against "fierce competition" for the government cash with 236 applications from other councils.

Mr Brough said: "Only 10 applications will make it through but we have had some good soundings from government sources which have given a lot of weight to our garden town plan."

District council leader John Cotton said: "Our garden town project is unique in that it provides not only more houses but jobs too.

"We are optimistic of getting government support for infrastructure improvements which are necessary if the garden town is to be a success."

The Local Plan features more than 22,000 new homes and the creation of 20,000 jobs in the next 16 years and is currently out for consultation.

However, it has caused controversy with residents as the garden town element would feature 3,500 homes built on green belt land next to Culham Science Centre and astride the railway line.

The district council says if it does not get the infrastructure funding it will reduce the number of homes from 3,500 to 1,575.

Get in line for free doughnuts

DOUGHNUT specialist Krispy Kreme will open its new store in the Westgate Centre next week – and you dough'not want to miss it.

The sweet treat retailer will offer 16 melt-in-the-mouth varieties, from the classic Original Glazed to Reese's Peanut Butter.

Free doughnuts will be given away across the city in the run-up to next Thursday's 10am opening.

The first in line on opening day will win a double dozen doughnuts every month for a whole year.

The first dozen in line will also win a goodie bag.

Operations director Neil Williamson said: "We've seen great success at our store in The Clarendon Centre and can't wait to bring the joy of Krispy Kreme to Westgate Oxford.

"We're really looking forward to meeting our dedicated fans on the 16th – see you there!"

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Leisure centre revamp to offer better facilities

By George Welch

WORK on a £150,000 refurbishment of Henley Leisure Centre began this week.

The refurbishment is designed to significantly improve the environment, which has been severely criticised in the past, with the poolside changing rooms and toilet areas being revamped throughout.

There will also be new changing cubicles, lockers and vanity units, while new LED lighting will reduce the amount of energy used.

Work at the Gillotts Lane centre is expected to take around six weeks to complete.

Swimmers can change using the dry-side changing area, with the swimming pool and all other facilities remaining open to the public.

The renovation, funded by South Oxfordshire District Council, will be a welcomed boost for operator Better (part of GLL), which pledged to clean up its act after being exposed for having dirty changing rooms and showers in February.

Better's Ben Whaymand

Ben Whaymand, partnership manager for leisure operator Better, said he hoped the upgrades would "greatly improve the customer journey and overall swimming experience for all Henley residents".

Cllr Lynn Lloyd, SODC's cabinet member for leisure, added: "I'm delighted that we will be starting work to improve the changing area and I'm sure swimmers in Henley will welcome investment we are making.

"We will do our best to keep any disruption to a minimum so please continue to visit the centre and make the most of everything on offer."

Fans boogie with heroes

SHOPPERS at Banbury's Castle Quay had a host of fun when two television favourites dropped in.

Hundreds of fans turned out to meet Skye and Marshall, characters from children's show Paw Patrol.

The visit was part of the Pup Pup Boogie Tour run in association with toy shop The Entertainer.

Young fans were able to get a snap with the pair and joined sessions to learn the characters dance moves from the show.

Centre manager Paul Jackson said it was "a great day of entertainment for our shoppers".

He said: "We loved having Paw Patrol's Skye and Marshall join us as part of their Pup Pup Boogie Tour. It was great to see so many families meeting the duo and enjoying themselves in the Pup Pup Boogie."

It wasn't the only entertainment at the centre, families descended on the shopping precinct to meet creepy creatures, enjoy fun face painting, take part in eerie arts and crafts and complete a Halloween treasure hunt.

The spooky fun was part of the Sunny the Duck Kids' Club.

Lisa Upton and her family met Skye at Castle Quay Shopping Centre while Marshall met 'mini-Marshall' during the PAW Patrol Pup Pup Boogie Tour

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Blenheim to offer affordable housing scheme across estate

By Samantha McGregor

A GROUNDBREAKING scheme to help cut the housing waiting list has been launched.

West Oxfordshire District Council has joined forces with the Blenheim Estate to provide 300 affordable homes in Long Hanborough and Woodstock East.

In the initiative, believed to be the first in the UK, the estate will offer affordable housing either for rent or shared ownership and rent levels will be "significantly below those currently provided by housing associations".

Prospective tenants will come from people on the council's homeseeker plus waiting list with priority given to local residents and key workers such as teachers and nurses, the council said.

Cllr Colin Dingwall, cabinet member for housing, said: "Affordable housing is a top priority for West Oxfordshire District Council – it is essential for the long-term wellbeing of residents and our local economy that we provide answers to this issue.

"This is one of a range of new models I am working on to provide more affordable homes. I would like to thank Blenheim and our officers at WODC for their vision in supporting this innovative new model and look forward to promoting it across the district with other institutional landowners."

The initiative is part of Blenheim's 10-year development programme in which the estate will triple its contribution to the local economy and complete a £40million restoration programme of the World Heritage site.

Roger File, chief operating officer and property director of Blenheim Estates, said: "Existing affordable housing in West Oxfordshire is still not really affordable.

"If we can provide housing for local people including vital key workers such as teachers and nurses, then it will help our communities both socially and economically.

"This initiative forms part of one of our long-terms aims to help and support local communities and we are looking to roll these schemes out at all our developments both now and in the future, allowing them to evolve as housing needs change.

"We will retain ownership and do all we can to ensure the housing stays affordable in perpetuity."

Woodstock Town Council was contacted for comment.

Cllr Colin Dingwall, left, and Roger File from Blenheim Estates are working to provide low-cost housing through 300 affordable homes

InBrief

Free health app

RESIDENTS are being reminded to download a free app to help them find pharmacists and GP practices in the county, particularly now temperatures are falling in the colder months.

A smartphone app called Health and Care Oxfordshire created by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, allows people to find their nearest health service.

It highlights the types of injuries of illnesses treated at minor injuries units or first aid units.

Residents are also able to find information on a range of services delivered by sexual health clinics and their location.

Users will also be directed to the county's adult social care website and to PatientAccess, where they can use online services provided by their GP practice.

Information is displayed on a digital map showing the exact location of the service and contact details. Opening times of individual services can also be accessed.

The app can be downloaded from the usual app stores.

Meet the police

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Grumpy farmer husband's unique apology to his wife

A MYSTERY woman whose name was etched in huge letters in a field has been tracked down after a national search on social media.

Everyone was on the lookout for Sue after helicopter pilots from the National Police Air Service spotted the peculiar crop pattern "Sue X" on land just south of Tetsworth last week.

On Friday evening it was revealed it was a romantic gesture to appease a disgruntled farmer's wife.

It turns out farmer Murray Graham created the message for his wife as a way of apologising for being grumpy.

Mr Graham told BBC Radio Oxford he used his GPS-operated tractor to spray the crops in the shape of his wife's name.

He had intended for his son George, a pilot, to take a photo and show it to his wife as an apology.

It has not yet been confirmed whether Mr Graham is now officially out of the dog house.

Since pictures of the crop pattern emerged last Thursday, people speculated far and wide and used hashtags 'Find Sue' and 'Who is Sue' to try and track the mystery woman down.

Karz Sheppard tweeted: "Those aliens are getting ever more sophisticated."

Dylan Godfrey suggested: "Could be a loved one of that person trying to get it on google maps to show how much they love her maybe?"

Picture: @NPASBenson

Oxfam staff sacked over sex claims

By Eva Astreinidou

A WORLD-RENOWNED charity has sacked 20 members of staff over sexual abuse claims in the past year.

Oxfam, based in Oxford, dismissed the employees after dealing with a number of sexual exploitation and abuse cases in the 12 months to April 2017.

Two other employees also resigned before the investigations involving them ended.

As the shocking figures were revealed last week, Oxfam said sexual abuse was a serious problem but that they were 'not unique'.

In a statement, a spokesperson said: "Oxfam treats all allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation very seriously.

"In recent years we have worked hard to raise awareness among staff and inform them about how they can make complaints in confidence without fear of victimisation.

"We continue to learn and seek to improve not just in how we handle complaints but also in changing the culture in which we work to prevent the abuse of power in the first place and support those that speak out."

Of the complaints, 53 were referred to police and other services, Oxfam told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

There were 33 internal investigations and about three-quarters resulted in disciplinary action.

The figures have emerged at the same time as a flurry of allegations about abuse in British politics and Hollywood have come to light.

A spokesperson added: "Oxfam is not unique. Sexual abuse is a serious problem in society. We all, including Oxfam, need to get better at preventing and dealing with sexual abuse but as an international organisation fighting for women's rights we have a special responsibility to practice what we preach and protect our staff, volunteers and beneficiaries from sexual harassment and abuse.

"High profile cases have shone light into this very dark corner of society and give us a chance to do more to tackle sexual abuse."

The release of the figures come after Lesley Agams, a former manager at the charity, told The Times she was sexually assaulted by a senior manager at a hotel in Oxford in 2010.

InBrief

City remembers

OXFORD city will remember those who have sacrificed their lives in conflict at its annual Remembrance Sunday service this weekend.

Everyone is welcome to join in the event, taking place from 10am to 11.30am.

The Armed Forces, the British Legion, ex-service men and women, and cadets will start their march up St Giles to the War Memorial from 10.30am.

The wreath laying and two minutes' silence will follow at 11am.

Road closures will be in place for Banbury Road from its junction with Parks Road to its junction with St Giles, Beaumont Street from its junction with St John Street to its junction with St Giles, Keble Road, Magdalen Street east and west.

St Giles will also be closed from 12.01am to 2pm on the day and parking will be suspended during the event.

Cards for Headway

GIVE a little this Christmas and buy hand crafted cards from brain injury charity Headway Oxfordshire.

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Portraits show the real Oxford

PORTRAITS showcasing the diverse community of Oxford will be on display this month.

More than 20 paintings, drawings and photographs will be featured at Weston Library from November 24 until early January as part of the exhibition.

The Full Picture: Oxford in Portraits is part of the university's Diversifying Portraiture project which aims to broaden the range of people represented around the university.

The art will feature living Oxonians including BBC journalist Reeta Chakrabarti, astrophysicist Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, film and television director Ken Loach, and broadcaster and charity campaigner Dame Esther Rantzen.

Dr Rebecca Surender, advocate and pro-vice-chancellor for equality and diversity at Oxford University, said: "It is hugely important for students and staff to feel at home at Oxford, and to feel inspired by people they can relate to. This series of portraits, created by a talented group of artists, will broaden the range of people represented around the university.

"All of those nominated and selected to take part have made enormous contributions to Oxford life and to society more widely."

The free exhibition, open to all, will feature current academics and former students of a variety of ethnic, socio-economic backgrounds and those with disabilities and from the LGBTQ+ communities.

Cyclists gear up to help children

By George Welch

TEAMS of Oxfordshire care home workers pumped up their tyres and donned lycra to play their part in an epic cycle challenge to raise money for BBC Children in Need.

Staff from Mill House in Witney, Albany in Oxford and Hempton Field in Chinnor rode a total of 56 miles last week as part of the Wishing Wheels project.

All 71 Brighterkind care homes will ride a stage of the cycle relay challenge along a 2,000-mile route that runs from Inverness to Bournemouth before ending in St Brelade on Jersey.

The course twisted through the county on Wednesday and Thursday last week – days 23 and 24 of the 33-day challenge.

On Wednesday, staff from Mill House rode 13 miles to Albany before the Oxford team travelled 18 miles to Hempton Field.

The following day a sole rider cycled 55 miles from Hempton Field to Ware.

At the end of each stage each care home team handed over the team's mascot – Buddy Bear – to be taken on the next stage.

The long ride started in Inverness on October 2 and the aim is to finish

Mill House in Witney joined in

on November 15, with a target to raise a minimum of £17,500.

Janet Richardson, regional manager at Mill House, said: "There has been amazing encouragement and support from colleagues, residents in our care homes and their relatives."

The care team riders from Mill House were: Janet Richardson and Tony Richardson.

From Albany: Alex Huidiu, Emily Woelki and Marioara Zait-Cristea and Alan Cudsen.

From Hempton Fields: Antony Smith.

Riders from Albany House in Oxford take a break to pose for the camera

The team arrive at Hempton Field in Chinnor

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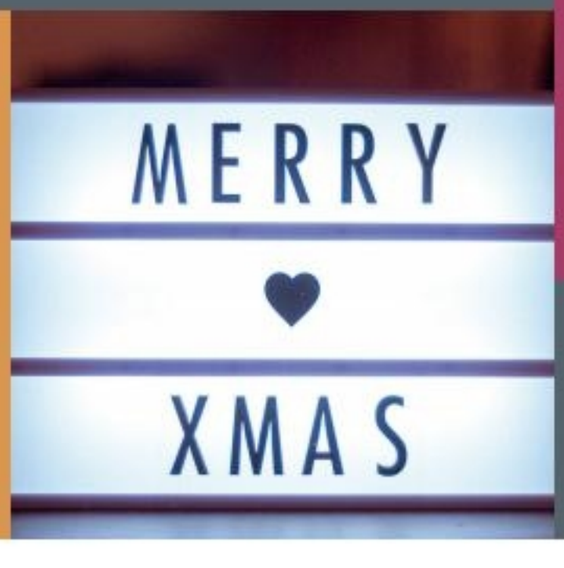

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Market celebrates five years in the community

By Samantha McGregor

A COMMUNITY market which was set up after the demise of a village pub is celebrating its fifth anniversary.

Villagers in Piddington, near Bicester, set up The Pantry in 2012 after the pub closed leaving the village hall as the only community facility.

The idea was to set up a shop and café in the village hall for the residents, who otherwise had to travel to either Bicester or Thame for their shopping.

Villagers will mark the anniversary at a Christmas Market on Saturday, December 2, the biggest event The Pantry has held so far.

One of the organisers, Hazel Coleman said: "We'll be celebrating the determination of a small community to create and sustain a new village amenity in tough times, and the wide-ranging effect this successful bid to make a difference in our community has had on our village."

The first Pantry Market and Coffee Shop was held on December 1, 2012.

Fast forward five years - and more than 20 markets – the venture is going from strength to strength.

It has raised more than £10,000 through profits from the general store, a beer tent and coffee shop, stallholder fees, raffles and second-hand book sales.

The money has been used to help local appeals including cash for the renovation of the village hall's kitchen and construction of a kitchen and servery at St Nicholas Church.

Mrs Coleman said: "The Pantry has had a more wide-ranging effect than simply raising money for village projects, however.

"The sense of involvement and community spirit it has fostered in villagers has led to other community initiatives, such as the three hugely successful apple days held in Piddington, which has resulted in Piddington Village Apple Juice and Piddington Cider, both of which are sold to raise further funds for village causes.

"We feel delighted and proud that a small rural community that had lost most of its amenities has managed to create and sustain such a successful initiative in tough times."

For more information go to piddingtonpantry.wordpress.com

Campaigner going all out for the Extra Mile award

AN open spaces campaigner has been shortlisted for an award by a specialist magazine

Kate Ashbrook, general secretary of the Henley-based conservation body the Open Spaces Society, is in the running for an Extra Mile award, a scheme organised by The Great Outdoors magazine.

She was nominated for her work with the Open Spaces Society and the Ramblers.

Kate, who is also vice-president and vice-chairman of the Ramblers, vice-chairman of the Campaign for National Parks and patron of the Walkers Are Welcome Towns Network, is a life-long campaigner for public paths and open spaces.

She said: "The extra mile is the one that matters. We already have some public paths and some right to roam access, but there is much more to be won – that's the extra mile."

The Open Spaces Society is an organisation that campaigns to protect

greens, open spaces and public paths and the right to enjoy them.

Kate's Oxfordshire campaigns include protests about blocked paths during Henley Regatta, the campaign for greater freedom to roam, and supporting activists who wanted to register land as town greens.

She is advising Henley in its bid to be a Walkers Are Welcome town.

Voting closes on November 15.

To vote go to tgomagazine.co.uk/awards/reader-awards/

Share love of reading with ARCh

AN award-winning Oxfordshire charity is appealing for more volunteers to come forward to help local children develop a love of reading.

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Streetlight improvement work starts

WORK on a £3.8million programme to improve 3,200 streetlights across Oxfordshire has started in Oxford city.

The streetlights are being replaced with new steel columns and higher quality LED light solutions which also reduce energy and future on-going maintenance requirements.

The cash for the scheme comes from a £2.8m central government grant and £1m of Oxfordshire County Council capital funding.

Work has now begun on lights in Barton, Sandhills, Risinghurst, Marston, Headington, St Clements and Cowley Marsh.

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Foster care 'champion' given award for her amazing work

By George Welch

AN inspirational woman who spent 15 years in foster care has been recognised with an award for her contributions to the care industry.

Emma Lakin, from Henley, endured a turbulent childhood and lacked self-esteem after being in foster care from the age of three until she reached adulthood at 18.

But last month the estate agent was presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award for succeeding through foster care 'against the odds'.

Taking everything in her stride, Emma said: "For me, foster care was very straight forward.

"I was lucky enough to only have one foster placement from start to finish which unfortunately is not the norm.

"I think it is important for children to have stable placements so they feel like they are part of the family.

"I did come across some difficulties at the end with the transition from foster care to independent living as I was going to university and social services were not clear on how to assist me, which made life more difficult."

Now 25 years old, recently married Emma, who runs a business with husband Chris in Greater London, has used her experience to help those in foster care.

While living with her foster carers Emma played a 'significant' role in the household, helping other fostered children settle in and even spent time as a support carer for her foster carers.

She is a passionate advocate for foster care and has given talks and championed recruitment campaigns.

> *"I think it is important for children to have stable placements so they feel like they are part of the family"*
> *Award winner Emma Lakin*

Emma's foster carer, Lynne, who nominated her for the award, said she is "extremely proud" of her.

"Despite her difficult start to life she has achieved her goals and is committed to helping others in their journey through life. We think she's amazing," she added.

Emma Lakin, left, with other winners of the Outstanding Achievement Award at The Fostering Network's Fostering Excellence Awards

Emma collected the award at The Fostering Network's Fostering Excellence Awards in London last month.

She said receiving the award was an "honour", adding: "I know many people in foster care have had a very tough life compared to myself, so although I have had to work hard to get to where I am, there are others that must really struggle and deserve recognition."

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Lighting up castle

A 'WISHING wall' for charity will be created at Oxford Castle just in time for Christmas.

The team at Oxford Castle Unlocked are asking the public to donate as many jam jars as possible.

The jars, each with a candle inside, will be used to line the castle walls in a special event on November 17.

For £1, members of the public can light a candle and make a wish, with all proceeds going to the Make A Wish Foundation.

A lantern procession will start at 6.30pm, returning at around 7.30pm.

Members of the public can donate washed, empty jam jars to Oxford Castle Unlocked ahead of the event.

Play with inclusion

A PLAY that tells a story for the deaf and hard of hearing will be staged in Oxford.

The heart-felt People of The Eye will be on at the Old Fire Station on November 24 as part of a nationwide tour.

Developed with inclusion at its heart, the play uses infrasonic sound design, sign language, mime and projected visuals.

Inspired by writer and performer Erin Hutching's own experiences of growing up with a deaf sister, the show tells the story of a family navigating the deaf world.

Go to www.oldfirestation.org.uk.

Free pet food for greyhound charity

AN Oxford based charity that rescues and rehomes greyhounds and lurchers has been named a pet food firm's charity of the year.

The Forever Hounds Trust will get free pet food throughout 2018 thanks to the Burns Pet Nutrition Foundation, a family pet food business based in Wales.

Founded in 1996 as Greyhound Rescue West of England, the charity has helped rehome more than 9,000 dogs across the country in the past 20 years and is entirely reliant on fundraising and donations to cover the costs of caring for and homing dogs.

Chairman of the trustees Jan Lake said she was "delighted" to receive the support from Burns.

She said: "We're delighted to have been chosen as one of Burns' Charities of the Year, and look forward to working together.

"We have many mouths to feed at Forever Hounds Trust and are very grateful to Burns for their support of our vital rescue work for greyhounds and lurchers throughout England."

Founder John Burns is delighted to be helping the charity

Founder John Burns, a veterinary surgeon, said: "Myself and the Burns Pet Nutrition team are extremely passionate about supporting and giving back to the community in any way, shape or form possible – and the same goes for charities in need of the support they aren't currently receiving."

Two other charities being supported by Burns are the UK German Shepherd Rescue and Irish charity Dogs for the Disabled.

Improving patients' knowledge of diabetes

OXFORD health chiefs have pledged to improve diabetes education to help people living with the condition understand and manage their situation.

Healthcare provider Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group received £113,000 from NHS England to provide local courses.

The overall aim is to have 50 per cent participation in a diabetes education course within five years for people newly diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

The initiative is part of charity Diabetes UK's campaign to increase and advance education for people with diabetes.

Dr Amar Latif, clinical lead for diabetes at the OCCG, said: "We are really excited at this opportunity to improve education for patients with diabetes.

"This pledge is a cornerstone of our work. Prevention and treatment of diabetes is a key priority given the major impact of the condition on people in Oxfordshire.

"This is an excellent opportunity for patients with diabetes to better understand their condition and how best to manage it."

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Buses proud to be supporting Pride

OXFORD Pride has partnered with a bus company to broadcast videos across the city celebrating diversity.

The video, which aims to raise awareness and inclusivity of LGBT+ people in and around Oxfordshire, is broadcasting on 41 Oxford Bus Company buses, reaching an average audience of 100,000 people per week.

Oxford Pride chair Paul McGinn said: "The partnership will enable us to reach more communities in Oxford and the surrounding areas and give people the confidence to be who they want to be and live their 'true colours' [the theme for next year's event]."

Oxford Bus Company managing director Phil Southall said: "One of our core values is embracing diversity and it is this important everyday philosophy that inspires us to support organisations like Oxford Pride."

Oxford Pride will take place between May 25 and June 3 next year with Pride day held on June 2.

School at forefront of education innovation

By George Welch

SCHOOL leaders from across the south east will meet next week to discuss how innovation can be achieved on a budget.

Education chiefs will assemble at Aureus School on Great Western Park, Didcot, for a morning of leadership debate and resource-sharing on Wednesday.

Headteacher Hannah Wilson will give a talk in the afternoon discussing school leadership throughout the wider community.

Education technology, leadership, CPD (continuing professional development) and more will also be deliberated.

Ms Wilson said: "It is important, in the current climate, that schools take opportunities to network and build partnerships.

"Collaboration with the regional community is key to our future success, not only as a school, but as a system.

"Doing so ensures that we are able to take advantage of every opportunity to improve teaching, learning and outcomes within our schools.

"As a brand-new STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) school, innovation is in our DNA."

The event is free for headteachers, deputy and assistant heads, business managers, subject leaders and curriculum coordinators.

The Aureus School event is part of the Innovate My School Live roadshow, which focuses on how schools today are doing more with less.

Its CEO and founder Michael Forshaw said: "It's going to be a real privilege to run an event with Aureus School.

"Hannah Wilson has put together something of a 'dream-team' lineup of teachers and school leaders, and we're looking forward to seeing how this new school is already making waves in UK education."

Group Captain Hamish Cormack, Station Commander at RAF Benson hands over the poppies to veteran Ken Hicks, who served in the Second World War watched by County Councillor Lynda Atkins
Pictures: *Cpl Tony Hawke*

Putting poppy appeal in safe hands

A SPECTACULAR event helped kick off this year's poppy appeal in Oxfordshire.

The Oxfordshire county committee of The Royal British Legion, with the support of RAF Benson, held the event to mark the launch last week at St Edward's School in Oxford.

Honorary guest and one of the county's oldest veterans, Ken Hicks, who served in the RAF during the Second World War, was flown there in a helicopter from RAF Benson to sell poppies to raise funds.

He was accompanied by combined cadet force cadets from St Edward's School in Oxford.

Last year's poppy appeal in Oxfordshire raised £622,543 which went towards the Legion's national total of £46million to continue delivering practical support to the Armed Forces community.

Thanks to previous donations, the Legion answered more than 780,000 requests for help, provided crisis grants, and advised on benefits and money problems.

St Edward's pupils gathered to buy poppies and enjoyed getting a look inside the helicopter

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Hospital appeal hits halfway mark

By George Welch

THOUSANDS of devoted fundraisers have helped Oxford Children's Hospital Charity hit the halfway mark of its special 10th anniversary £2million appeal.

Hundreds of hours have been devoted to running, golfing, baking and abseiling to reach the £1m milestone, with the cash going towards the construction of a new 'home from home' at Ronald McDonald House for sick youngsters.

Children's fundraiser Penny Hambridge said: "We have been overwhelmed by the support from people across the county.

"We always knew Oxford Children's Hospital had a very special place in people's hearts, but we have been blown away with the tremendous support.

"We are delighted to be at the half way point of the appeal already and hope people will continue to support this very special local cause."

One of those groups to help make a difference is our charity of the year, fundraising group Play2Give, which has raised more than £10,000 this year towards the cause.

Founder Andy Baker, 29, said: "As someone treated as a child and having experienced first-hand brilliant care in old facilities, I know the importance of the fundraising.

"P2G has been working tirelessly in our own 10th year towards this very special appeal to help ensure that families have new accommodation as when I was in hospital there was no such parent beds and rooms as they are today."

Ms Hambridge added: "So many local groups and individuals have got involved with the appeal and we are incredibly grateful to them all – including the wonderful Play2give group who have been working so hard with their fundraising during this special year."

From left, staff Klarissa Burrows, Sarah Vaccari and Penny Hambridge with children, Siana Stoyanova, six; Poppy Gornall, eight; Lewis Sadler, seven and Melissa Ball, five

The appeal will help create more space for parents to stay close to their ill children, as well as fund extra play areas and specialist medical equipment.

Business park is a real hive of activity

THERE'S been an audible buzz around a business park near Wallingford after it enjoyed a bumper honey harvest.

Following a hive of activity, Howbery Business Park has finished fixing the labels on 72 jars of home-grown honey.

Known as Howbery Honey, the sweet substance has been produced by on-site bees at the park, introduced over the summer of 2016.

Estates manager Donna Bowles said: "We introduced the bee hives to Howbery Park in spring last year to make the most of our landscape, and to provide added interest for our tenants, so this autumn marks the first proper season for honey production, and the harvest has exceeded our expectations."

She added: "We have been able to offer tenants and employees on the park the chance to learn more about honey bees, with a honey extraction workshop and a visit with a master bee keeper to see inside the hives – in full protective clothing, of course!"

The public can buy the honey from the Manor House shop at the park for £3 a jar.

Donna Bowles with Howbery Honey

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Hoax fraud calls

POLICE are warning people to hang up if they receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from HMRC and suggesting an arrest warrant has been sent out for tax fraud.

Several people in Oxfordshire contacted police after getting calls.

The calls are coming from 020 numbers and police warned it was a scam, adding that people should not engage with the caller or give any personal details.

Anyone with information should call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Charity fair

WATLINGTON Hospital Charity Christmas Fair will take place at The Oxfordshire Golf Club on Thursday next week.

As well as stalls selling Christmas goodies there will also be a raffle with prizes including a spa day, dinner for two and opera tickets. Cash raised will go to the Watlington and District Nursing Home.

Follow the trail

THAME Town Council has launched a festive snowflake treasure trail.

In the lead up to Christmas Lights Switch-On on December 1, 24 Snowflakes have been hidden in shop windows around the town centre for people to find.

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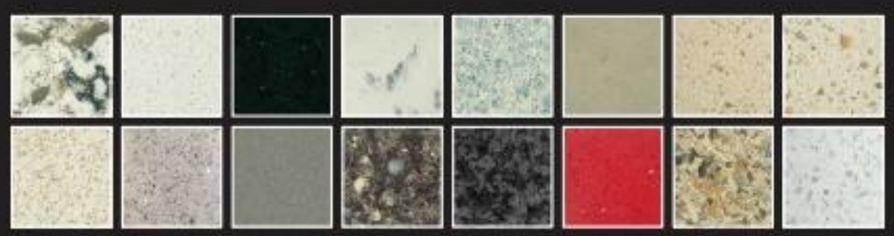

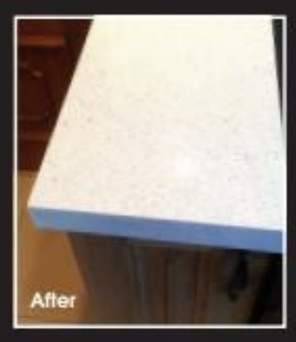

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Award a real game changer

A BUSINESSWOMAN with a dream of helping 1,500 women return to work by 2022 by teaching them tech skills has been honoured with a 'game changing' national award.

Joy Foster, who set up Oxford-based TechPixies in 2015, was awarded Enterprise Nation's Female Start-up of the Year 2017 accolade at the Festival of Female Entrepreneurs in Bristol last month.

She said: "Winning a national award could be a huge game changer for TechPixies. It has already provided us with fantastic exposure through the event and will help to raise our profile as we look to take TechPixies beyond Oxfordshire and the Thames Valley."

The competition was created to showcase early stage female start-up entrepreneurs who are excelling in their industry. To win the award, Mrs Foster had to deliver a three-minute pitch and field six minutes of questions from a panel of judges.

She added: "Winning this award has meant a lot to us as a team.

"It was amazing to be among so many women who have the ambition to run and build businesses and create employment for other women."

TechPixies, which has achieved 100 per cent success from its first two cohorts by helping 50 women get back to work, announced its first London group earlier this year.

Joy Foster celebrates her award at the Festival of Female Entrepreneurs

Joining forces to develop region

By Eva Astreinidou

OXFORDSHIRE authorities have pledged to work together on proposals that will help support and finance growth in the area.

Members of the Oxfordshire Growth Board have agreed on new joined up strategies to include housing and transport, the creation of 'living labs' to test new technologies, and a pilot to collect around £20million from taxes on local businesses.

The plans aim to further the collaboration between the county's six councils and the local enterprise network by pooling resources and ideas to plan for Oxfordshire's growth.

Councillor Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council and current chair of the Oxfordshire Growth Board, said: "I'm pleased the board is continuing to work collaboratively in the collective interest of Oxfordshire, its residents and businesses to help deliver the best possible growth outcomes for the county.

"We want to ensure growth is sustainable and enhances people's quality of life, provides opportunities for the next generation and delivers more of the right types of housing."

In the first order of business, the joint spatial plan will lay out strategies for housing and infrastructure to include projects such as the Oxford Cambridge growth corridor.

The plan will look to set a direction for the whole of Oxfordshire up to 2050.

Secondly, the board has made an application to the government to pilot a scheme where the council would retain 100 per cent of increases in taxes to local businesses to then use that to support and finance commonly agreed projects.

The amount that would be pooled is estimated to be around £20m.

Thirdly, the plan to create new living labs will feature innovative ideas and new technologies being tested in specific locations with the aim of tackling challenges in health, mobility and sustainable energy.

Living Labs could be used to measure the effectiveness of new technologies and approaches to sustaining independent living and keeping people healthy and out of hospitals.

Furthermore, the tests could help improve the mobility of people and goods across the county and help develop more sustainable means of transport.

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Closure of centre

OXFORD City Council's customer service centre closes its doors just before Christmas.

The decision to close the office in Templars Square, Cowley, was made after a decline in the number of customers as many now use online or automated phone services.

Staff will relocate to the customer services team based at the St Aldate's centre. Visit oxford.gov.uk for more information.

Snow patrol

AN appeal has been launched urging people to volunteer as snow wardens in the event of bad weather.

Banbury Town Council wants to expand the number of volunteers in its Neighbourhood Snow Warden Scheme to help organise the gritting of roads and pavements in the area.

Drop into the Town Hall in Bridge Street, or call 01295 250340

Mental heath plan

OXFORDSHIRE Clinical Commissioning Group is engaging with young people, their families and other stakeholders to refresh its 2017/18 mental health plan for children and teenagers.

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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Out & About

Panto season gets off to a cracker with fairytale

By Samantha McGregor

THE festive season is drawing near so that means you can expect to hear cries of 'Oh yes it is' and 'he's behind you'.

And Chipping Norton theatre is the first in Oxfordshire to start the Christmas run with opening night on Tuesday for this year's offering Sleeping Beauty.

Celebrating its 44th year, the pantomime runs until January 14.

Audiences are warned to expect Bond villains, blow up beds and berserk pie-making machines.

As usual playwright Andrew Pollard has put his own spin on the traditional tale of Sleeping Beauty.

In this version there lives a Princess, her long-suffering Nanny, her doting Fairy Godmother and grumpy old King Lenny.

On her 18th birthday, the Princess pricks her finger on a spinning wheel and falls deeply asleep. When she wakes up, exactly 400 years have passed and things have got a whole lot groovier.

The Princess is in a place she doesn't recognise, people are wearing strange clothes, there's very strange music and most importantly, who just kissed her?

With original music by Harry Sever, script from playwright Andrew Pollard, and the theatre's own artistic director John Terry as director.

The cast includes Connor Bannister as Prince Jagger, while Eamonn Fleming embarks on his first year as Dame at The Theatre Chipping Norton.

Lucy Penrose, who previously played Young Judy Garland at London Theatre Workshop, premieres as Princess Rose along with Christian James as Willy Wallflower and Bea Holland as Fairy Flax.

This year's villain Belladonna Bindweed is played by Erica Guyatt and Paul Tonkin is King Lenny.

During the two-month run, the schedule includes two child-free evenings and two relaxed performances aimed at families with children with an autistic spectrum condition, sensory and communication disorders, learning disabilities and adults living with dementia and their carers.

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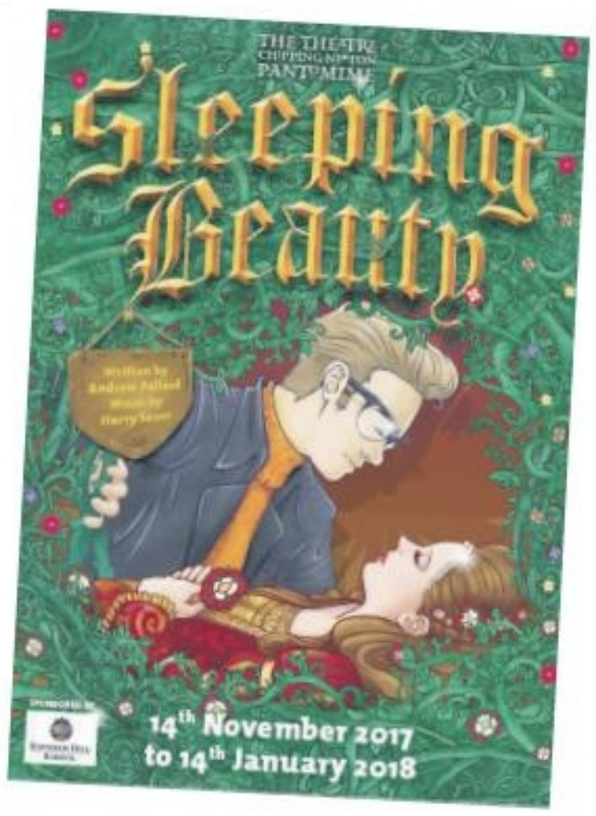

All that jazz and much more

November can seem a long month, with dark nights, grey days and still a long wait for any Christmas presents or festive celebrations.

The Brakspear Jazz & Blues Festival, is returning for a fifth year to offer another reason to go to the pub and banish the November blues.

The Jazz & Blues Festival runs from November 10-19 in Brakspear pubs across Oxfordshire and Berkshire and further afield and is set to showcase a diverse range of jazz and blues music, performed by soloists and bands including local artistes. Some of the acts appearing are:

■ November 10: Hare & Hounds in Sonning Common, Marco Ferris performs R&B on his harmonica, with a sidekick adding vocals and guitar.

■ November 17: 'Steampunk' band Curious Sounds perform at the Catherine Wheel in Goring. The winners of last year's 'Has Reading Got Talent' contest are the first of a weekend of jazz & blues at the pub, with gigs also on Saturday and Sunday.

■ November 17: Tom Michell brings his distinctive style of blues guitar to the Angel on the Bridge in Henley.

■ November 18: Niall Kelly, another Jazz & Blues Festival veteran, appears at the Saracen's Head, Henley, fresh from playing support for Jacqui Abbott & Paul Heaton, formerly Beautiful South, at a series of concerts in his native Ireland.

■ November 19: John Cee Stannard, an acoustic blues trio playing good old fashioned foot tapping blues, perform at the Horns at Wargrave. Tickets £25, including a southern style buffet

Brakspear chief executive Tom Davies said: "We're looking forward to welcoming music lovers into our pubs and are confident they'll all have a wonderful time listening to some brilliant music, enjoying a beer or two and maybe even getting onto the dance floor. What better way to spend a dark November evening?"

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Juplicitous side of Phill on show

By Samantha McGregor

STAND-UP comedian, poet, improviser and TV stalwart Phill Jupitus hits the road this autumn with his new show Juplicity.

Phill became a familiar face when he started as team captain on BBC2's pop quiz Never Mind The Buzzcocks in 1996, which went on to run for 19 years.

He is also a regular guest on BBC2's QI and Alan Davies As yet Untitled on channel Dave, a regular panellist on BBC Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue and The Unbelievable Truth and was resident curator on The Museum of Curiosity.

He returned to television stand-up in 2012 with an appearance on BBC1's Live at the Apollo.

Now he's returning for a new stand-up tour.

Phill took time out to talk to chat ahead of his appearance at Chipping Norton Theatre on November 24.

Asked about the tour, he said: "I have a lot of material to choose from for this tour.

"The thing that really works for me is that I support myself as Porky The Poet, so he goes out and does 40 minutes to start the evening.

"Because of Buzzcocks and other jobs I was given, I let Porky and the poetry slide but after about a decade I came back to it and wrote new poems, often just chucking stuff out on Facebook for mates to read.

"Combined with the old poems, and factoring in chit-chat between them, I had about an hour of material."

Phill's tour would not be complete without live music, he said: "The songs for this tour are now solid; all that comes from the time I was in the band with Neil Innes and Ade Edmondson.

"Because I've spent time away from touring stand-up, you get better at doing it by building the source material.

"For the autumn tour I'll do two hours a night: 40 minutes poetry, quarter of an hour of songs, and the rest is stand-up."

In terms of the stand-up element, Juplicity will draw on his own life, which he describes as both chaotic and flaky.

For tickets view chipping nortontheatre.com

On stage

Add a little sparkle

Canadian comedian Katherine Ryan brings her show Glitter Room to the New Theatre on Saturday, at 8pm.

Katherine recently received rave reviews as the presenter and writer of Channel 4's critically acclaimed prime time series, How Did You Get So Rich? and regularly appears on major panel shows such as QI, Have I Got News For You and Live at the Apollo.

Tickets cost from £23.65 and are available from the box office or at atgtickets.com/oxford

Headlong with John

Singer and guitarist John Smith will stop off in the city as part of a UK tour promoting his album Headlong.

Tickets are available for John's appearance at St Barnabas Church, Oxford, on November 16.

Produced by Sam Lakeman and featuring Cara Dillon on backing vocals, Headlong is the follow up to Great Lakes, John's 2013 album.

Here they go again...

Mamma Mia, the tale of family and friendship set on a Greek island paradise told to the backdrop of ABBA's timeless tunes rolls into Oxford.

The musical opens at Oxford's New Theatre on Tuesday, November 14 and runs until Saturday, November 25. Tickets from the box office in George Street, call 0844 871 3020 or go to atgtickets.com/oxford

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Out & About

Russian Revolution in the spotlight

By Samantha McGregor

Die Fledermaus features a rich, romantic score. Picture: Bill Cooper and right, The House of the Dead is a revival of WNO's original production. Picture: Clive Barda

POWERFUL tales from Russia are brought to the stage when the Welsh National Opera return to Oxford this autumn with three productions.

Two are Russian-themed operas which mark the centenary of the Russian Revolution - Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin and Janáček's From the House of the Dead, based on the book by Dostoevsky.

Alongside these are two performances of Johan Strauss's Die Fledermaus.

Opening the week is Eugene Onegin, which follows the cynical protagonist as he rejects the romantic advances of the young country girl Tatyana, before later coming to regret his actions and feeling the sting of rejection himself.

Considered one of the greatest Russian operas, Tchaikovsky's music reflects the high society of the time and the yearnings of the heart with evocative arias, romantic choruses and luscious waltzes.

Rising star and Welsh singer Natalya Romaniw takes the role of Tatyana, and Australian baritone Nicholas Lester takes the role of Onegin.

The House of the Dead is a revival of WNO's original 1982 production.

Unfinished at the time of Janáček's death, this will be the first time the opera is performed in a version that is as close as possible to what Janáček intended.

Telling the story of the inmates of a Siberian prison, the opera reflects their feelings of pain, oppression and injustice as each recount why they ended up in jail.

Their gloom is eased as they painstakingly nurse an eagle back to health, which comes to symbolize both Russia and the notion of freedom.

WNO Artistic Director David Pountney says: "Our approach has been to present operas that in very different ways illustrate the enduring character of Russians and Russian society.

"The most endearing is Russia the romantic, as illustrated by Eugene Onegin, an unbearably touching story in which Pushkin's Mozartian sense of irony is overlaid by Tchaikovsky's unrestrained passion.

"In stark contrast, Janáček's setting of Dostoevsky's autobiographical account of his experiences in a Siberian prison remind us that violence and the suppression of freedom have remained one of the essential levers of Russian government."

Featuring a rich and romantic score by Johan Strauss Die Fledermaus will transport audiences to early 1900s Vienna to join the characters at a masquerade ball as a plot around mistaken identity unfolds.

Performances will take place from Tuesday, November 28, until Saturday, December 2.

For more information and tickets go to atgtickets.com

I heard a rumour about girl-group Bananarama on comeback tour...

EIGHTIES girl band Bananarama are stopping off in Oxford as part of their comeback tour.

Sara Dallin, Keren Woodward and Siobhan Fahey will take to the stage at the New Theatre on Monday, December 4, from 7pm.

It will be the first time the trio have ever toured together.

Sara said: "Keren and I have toured as a duo for years, but we never toured or played live with Siobhan.

"We've been talking about this idea for a while and now the moment has finally arrived it's incredibly exciting."

Since their last performance as a trio on The Brits in 1988, Keren and Sara have continued as Bananarama, releasing records and touring to global audiences.

Siobhan went on to have hit singles and albums around the world as part of Shakespear's Sister before becoming a solo artist.

Siobhan said: "These were my formative years. I never thought it would happen again.

"It's like going back down the road to find a piece of myself that I left back then. The older I get, the more I realise it was pretty magical."

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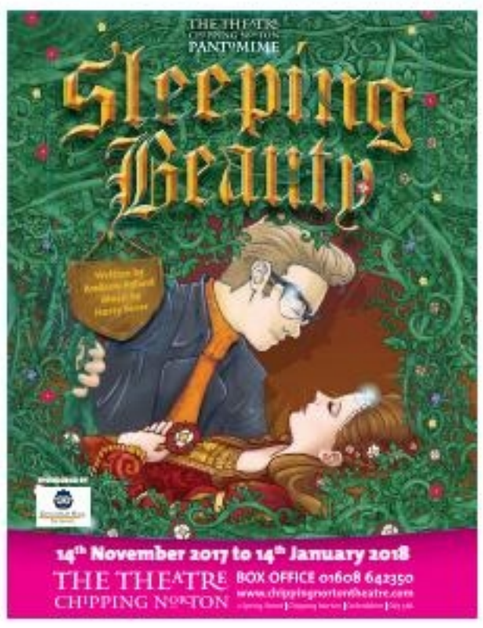

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After some hard negotiating with the lovely folk at The Anvil we have managed to get two pairs of tickets to see one of the most highly acclaimed singers that this country has produced - Lulu!

Closing date: Sunday, November 19, 2017

Following on from her smash hit 2016 tour, Lulu returns with her biggest tour yet and comes to The Anvil on Friday 24 November. at 7:30.

There is one overriding influence in the life of this acclaimed singer, songwriter, actress, businesswoman, Grammy and Novello Award nominee, and that is it has always been 'All About the Music'.

Performing songs from a career spanning over 50 years, fans can expect to hear huge hits such as Shout, To Sir With Love, Relight My Fire and The Man Who Sold The World, as well as new songs and songs that have influenced and guided her throughout her incredible career.

Lulu says "I toured for the first time in 15 years in 2015 and haven't stopped since. I absolutely love playing live and can't wait to be out on the road again performing the music that I have shared with you throughout my career... it has always been all about the music... so please come and join me".

Tickets are priced at £41 (includes £2 booking fee). For more details or for tickets, call 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk

Win tickets!

As mentioned above we have two pairs of tickets to give away and to be in with a chance of winning one all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

Q: Where was Lulu born?

Ireland, Scotland or Wales?

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Christmas Feature

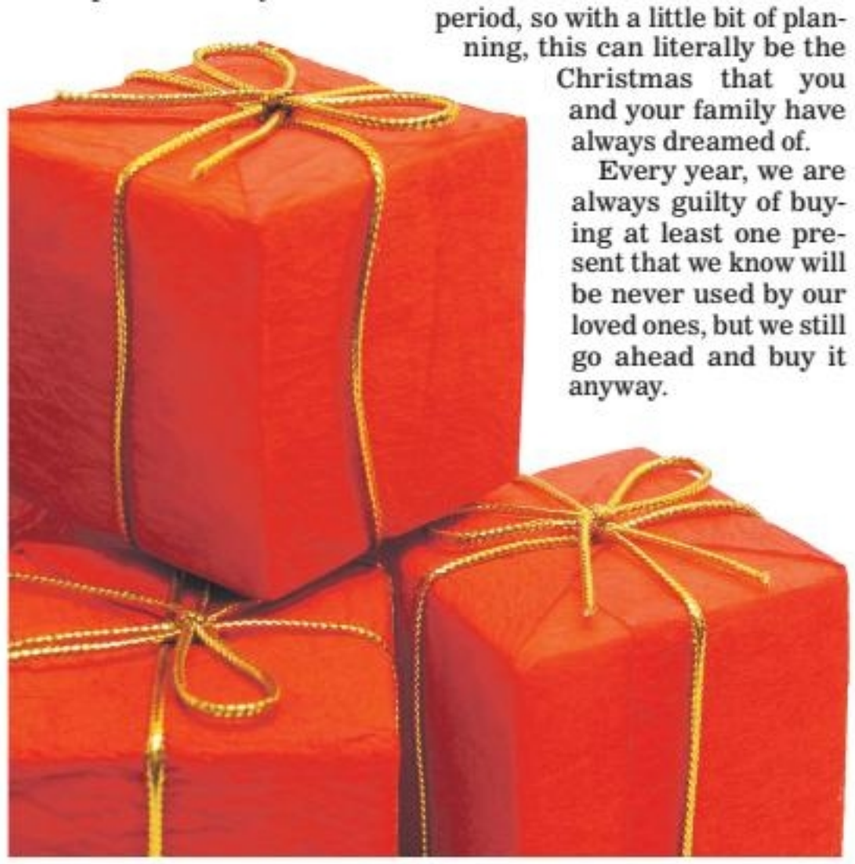
The countdown is now on to finding the perfect gift

IT may only be the start of November but before you know it, Christmas will be here.

I know what you're thinking, 'hasn't that come round fast?'

It happens every year when we wake up and suddenly realize that Christmas is within touching distance, and like most people, you want to have a Christmas to remember...for all the right reasons.

When Christmas draws ever closer, no-body wants to be stressed out over the festive period, so with a little bit of planning, this can literally be the Christmas that you and your family have always dreamed of.



Every year, we are always guilty of buying at least one present that we know will be never used by our loved ones, but we still go ahead and buy it anyway.

It happens every year and before you know it, that one gift is collecting dust in your spare room with the person who you bought it for, forgetting that it even existed.

Why do we do this? It's because our minds are suddenly locked into thinking that we must purchase everything we sets our eyes on.

Try and get out of that habit this year by getting something for your loved ones that you know they will enjoy – a gift that is consistently used is a clear indication your money has been well spent.

The retail possibilities are endless – clothes, bikes, hobbies, toys, mobile phones, gardening , gadgets, you name it....

There is something for everyone, and if you spend your time and money wisely with a fair amount of planning, you could have the Christmas you have always wanted.

And if you're really struggling to find a present for a loved one, how is this for a suggestion?

Presents don't always have to be materialistic – it's the memories that last a lifetime, and with Christmas just around the corner, tickets to a festive show or a pantomime can sometimes be the perfect gift for some.

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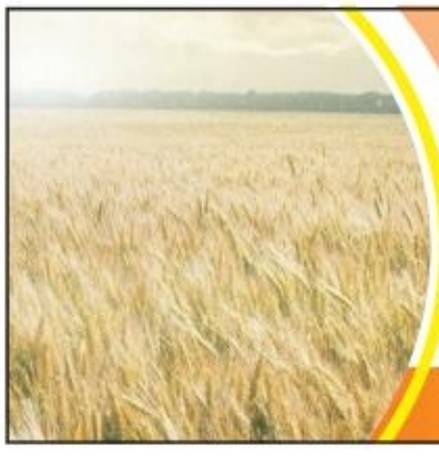

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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

Paul King, Head of April King Legal

1. Care Cost Fees

A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the local authority to help pay for these services. This goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993.

If someone requires social care in later life, the local authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the local authority will take over the fees.

Paul knows this all too well, after experiencing this personally. *"My own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her.*

When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate were counted in the local authority's means test.

Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the local authority get it all?'

Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 – and that's all that her children inherited."

There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this. The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true.

Local authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time.

Sometimes people think if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe.

This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not local authority care.

The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place.

Paul continues: *"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills.*

If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would have only been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe.

Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?

The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning.

It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain a further important point. Most clients he sees are surprised to learn that remarriage usually cancels a will and makes the new spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children!

Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

It's another important reason for home-owning couples to upgrade to a Property Trust Will.

2. Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard "mirror wills" with other firms before approaching the firm. A mirror will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: *"If I have a mirror will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the local authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children.*

Even if my children are named in my mirror will it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything.

Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin. This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit.

The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a mirror will. If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance.

Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work!

I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has. Bloodline trusts will give greater protection to your children."

Paul continues: *"These things can be avoided by having a bloodline trusts will. Under these types of wills your children have complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you but give added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life. The wording in these wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."*

3. Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a will that deals with their estate on death, and a lasting power of attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

The lasting power of attorney is a relatively new introduction and is divided into two parts – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare. In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise. It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they receive care. Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times. You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available.

Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a lasting power of attorney document

Having a lasting power of attorney removes the burden on children should ill-health happen further down the line. It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death. Crucially, you have to complete a lasting power of attorney while they are still in good mental health.

If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process. It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family.

Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly where there are children or a business involved. It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us.

People think 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a power of attorney?'

But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance. Paul adds: *"The next part is to appoint the attorneys, your children. Don't forget, your children can be the executors of your will and attorneys as well. The lasting power of attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it. Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."*

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:
15 words, average; 20 words, good; 25 words, very good; 30 or more, excellent.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

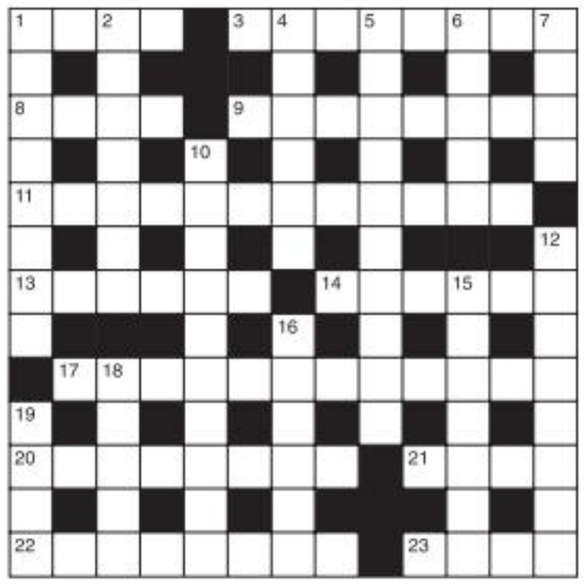
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Boulder won't stay firm apparently (4)
3. View in expectation (8)
8. The objects of producing a first-class manuscript (4)
9. Worker in the theatre? (8)
11. Transfer to nobody but the best (6,2,4)
13. Does it ease the map maker's problems? (6)
14. The sort of seat one doesn't want to leave? (6)
17. Don't leave the furniture behind when you preside! (4,3,5)
20. It's a bind for the doctor (8)
21. The lady swallows a ring intended for her foot (4)
22. Making changes to get a morning finish (8)
23. There's something fishy about this singer (4)

Down

1. Again provide for compensation so as to give confidence (8)
2. Funny confusion of cam and coil (7)
4. Fame comes through getting tree up like this (6)
5. Nesting cry when things are tight (10)
6. Consumed some fine fare at enormous banquet (5)
7. But such pastry may well be sweet (4)
10. Not being impartial, won't be bored (10)
12. Don't have such a ripping time if you want to be dry-eyed (8)
15. Reach at the windpipe (7)
16. No arch ferryman (6)
18. Early English fisherman? (5)
19. A bit of trifle and a little biter (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

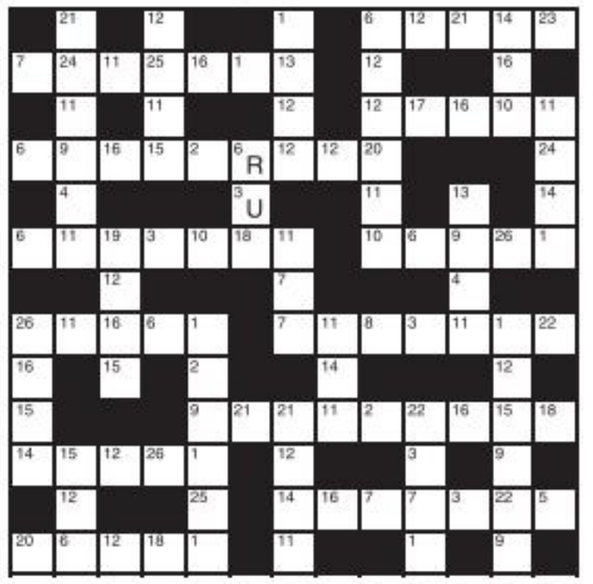
1. Aromatic herb (4)
3. Terrifying (8)
8. Gumption (4)
9. Divert (8)
11. Immense (12)
13. Seduce (6)
14. Connect (6)
17. Combine with others (4,4,4)
20. Muddle (8)
21. Solid (4)
22. Petition (8)
23. Sell (4)

Down

1. Watchman (8)
2. Epicure (7)
4. Hateful (6)
5. Withdrawal (10)
6. Fragile (5)
7. Quote (4)
10. Reckonable (10)
12. Protected (8)
15. Disturb (7)
16. Purpose (6)
18. Separate (5)
19. Island (4)

CODEWORD

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

DOUBLE CROSSWORD:
Cryptic: Across: 1 Bell-ringers; 9 Haircut; 10 Motto; 11 Niece; 12 Centavo; 13 Enmesh; 15 Writhe; 18 Goggled; 20 Dumps; 22 Avast; 23 Incense; 24 Deerstalker. Down: 2 Elite; 3 Lackeys; 4 Intact; 5 Gamin; 6 Retract; 7 Changes gear; 8 Cotoneaster; 14 Magnate; 16 Radical; 17 Adrift; 19 Later; 21 Manse.
Quick: Across: 1 Catastrophe; 9 Fissure; 10 Cargo; 11 Emend; 12 Largess; 13 Assert; 15 Wilted; 18 Holiday; 20 Polar; 22 Limit; 23 Transit; 24 Information. Down: 2 Aisle; 3 Asunder; 4 Treble; 5 Occur; 6 Harvest; 7 After a while; 8 Considerate; 14 Solomon; 16 Implant; 17 System; 19 Ditto; 21 Lasso.

SUDOKU:

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CODEWORD:
1=S, 2=C, 3=V, 4=O, 5=F, 6=D, 7=A, 8=Y, 9=T, 10=P, 11=U, 12=G, 13=X, 14=I, 15=K, 16=M, 17=Q, 18=B, 19=J, 20=N, 21=L, 22=R, 23=E, 24=Z, 25=H, 26=W.
WORD WHEEL:
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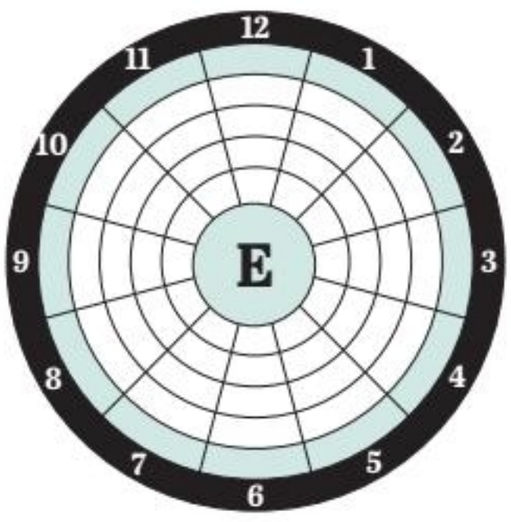
CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter E in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a British actor.



1. Rubbish
2. Put on
3. Situate
4. Oar
5. Obstacle
6. Catlike
7. Revenue
8. Motor
9. Beginner
10. Spout
11. Whole
12. Easy

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

THE CLUES:

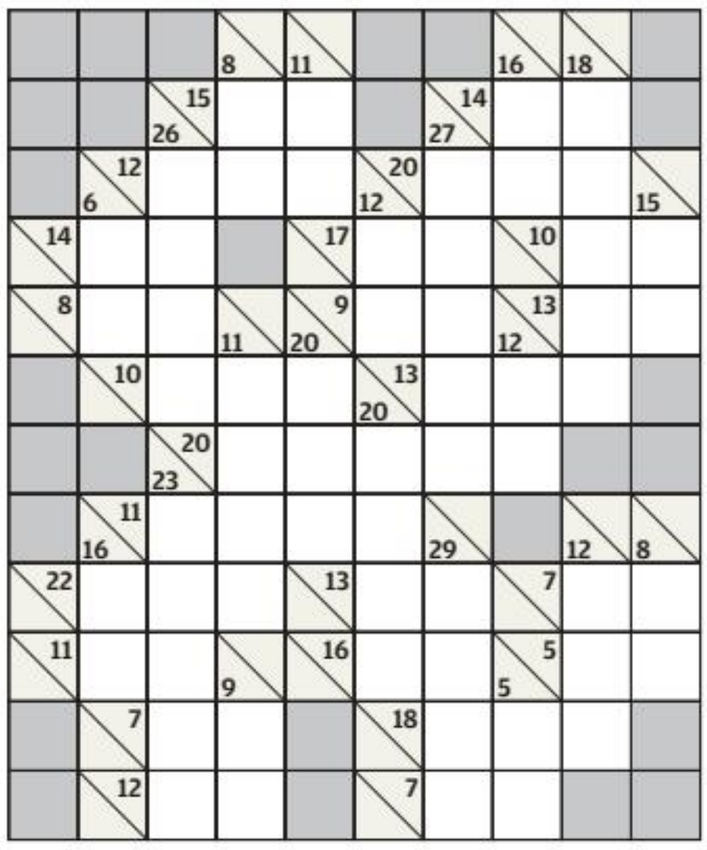
35617958 gives an item of clothing;
176814 gives an item of clothing;
976142 gives an item of clothing.

KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9.

Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it.

No number may be used more than once in any one block.



SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CLOCKWORD:
1 Pimple, 2 Admire, 3 Unique, 4 League, 5 Needle, 6 Inhale, 7 Castle, 8 Hurtle, 9 Orange, 10 Lustre, 11 Lounge, 12 Sphere.

CELEBRITY: Paul Nicholls.

NINER:
HAMSTRUNG.

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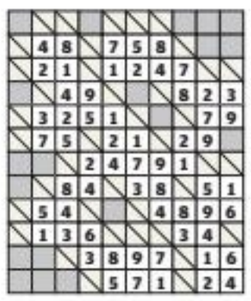

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SPLIT DECISION:

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Sounds Like Friday Night, 7.30pm

DAYTIME **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Getting the Builders In** (S) **11.45 Fugitives** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Impossible** (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **4.30 Flog It!** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC News** (S)

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- **7.00 The One Show** The final edition of the week. (S)
- **7.30 Sounds Like Friday Night** US singer Demi Lovato co-hosts; (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)

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- **8.00 EastEnders** Fi tries to prove a point to her father. (S)
- **8.30 Porridge** Fletch and his cellmate Joe get on each other's nerves. Last in the series. (S)

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- **9.00 Have I Got News for You** Satirical quiz, hosted by Victoria Coren Mitchell. (S)
- **9.30 Tracey Breaks the News** Tracey Ullman reacts to the events of the moment. Last in the series.

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- **10.00 BBC News at Ten** (S)
- **10.25 BBC Regional News;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)
- **10.35 The Graham Norton Show** Guests include Hugh Grant and Kelly Clarkson. (S)

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- **11.25 Josh** A quiet night in eludes Josh. Last in the series. (S)
- **11.50 The Apprentice** Alan Sugar sends the candidates off to Bruges. (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **12.55** BBC News (S)

BBC2

QI, 10pm

9.00 Victoria Derbyshire (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **12.00 FILM On the Waterfront (1954) (PG)** (S) **1.45 Permission Impossible: Britain's Planners** (S)(R) **2.45 Family Finders** (S) **3.15 Operation Stonehenge: What Lies Beneath** (S)(R) **4.15 Hebrides: Islands on the Edge** (S)(R) **5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is** (S)(R) **6.00 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two** (S)

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- **7.00 Meet the Lords** The House becomes the centre of attention as the Lords vote on Brexit. Last in the series. (S)(R)

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- **8.00 Mastermind** Specialist subjects include The Simpsons and Alfred the Great. (S)
- **8.30 Only Connect** The Meeples and Belgophiles return. (S)

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- **9.00 Extreme Wives with Kate Humble** New series. A look at diverse communities around the world, beginning in south-west Kenya. (S)

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- **10.00 QI** With Bill Bailey, Jan Ravens and Grayson Perry. (S)
- **10.30 Newsnight** (S)

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- **11.00 Weather** (S)
- **11.05 Snowfall** Teddy and Alejandro crash land in the Mexican desert. (S)(R)
- **11.45 Peaky Blinders** (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.45 Sign Zone: Panorama** (S)(R) **1.45** Louis Theroux: Dark States – Murder In Milwaukee (S)(R) **2.45** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Emmerdale, 7pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV News** (S) **2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **3.00 Tenable** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

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- **7.00 Emmerdale** Pollard vows to make amends. (S)
- **7.30 Live International Football** England v Germany (kick-off 8.00pm). All the action from the friendly at Wembley Stadium, as the hosts begin preparations for the World Cup against the holders. (S)

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- **10.15 ITV News;** Weather (S)
- **10.50 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)

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- **11.05 International Football Highlights** England v Germany. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.00 Play to the Whistle** (S)(R) **12.35** Jackpot247 **3.00** Storage Hoarders (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Food Unwrapped, 8pm

9.05 Frasier (S)(R) **10.05 Ramsay's Hotel Hell** (S)(R) **11.00 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 My Kitchen Rules** (S) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S)(R) **4.00 Coast vs Country** (S) **5.00 Four in a Bed** (S) **5.30 Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

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- **7.00 Channel 4 News** (S)
- **7.30 Unreported World** Surgical help for the innocent victims of the wars in Syria, Iraq and Yemen. (S)

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- **8.00 Food Unwrapped** (S)
- **8.30 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Stockholm** (S)

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- **9.00 Gogglebox** The households' opinions on recent TV. (S)

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- **10.00 The Last Leg** Harry Hill joins the regulars. (S)

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- **11.05 First Dates** An Old Etonian and a blogger bond over a shared respect of Michelle Obama. (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.05 FILM Silver Linings Playbook (2012) (15)** (S) **2.15** Electric Dreams: Human Is (S)(R) **3.10** Man Down (S)(R) **3.35** Humans (S)(R) **4.30** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **5.25** Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) **5.30** Draw It! (R)

Channel 5

The World's Greatest Bridges, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **1.10 Access** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM The March Sisters at Christmas (2012) (PG)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

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- **7.00 The Gadget Show** Jon Bentley assesses home DNA kits; (S) 5 News Update (S)

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- **8.00 The World's Greatest Bridges** The Iron Bridge in rural Shropshire, a striking symbol of the Industrial Revolution; (S) 5 News Update (S)

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- **9.00 Eight Days That Made Rome: Crossing the Rubicon** The day Julius Caesar led his army across the River Rubicon. (S)

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- **10.00 Conspiracy: Murder at the Vatican** Four conspiracy theories concerning the Catholic Church. (S)(R)

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- **11.05 Babel: The Real Stairway to Heaven** The truth behind the Biblical story of the Tower. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.00 SuperCasino** (S) **3.10** Rich House, Poor House (S)(R) **4.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** House Busters (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special **6.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.10** Dinner Date **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** Planet's Got Talent **9.30** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **10.20** Dinner Date **11.20** Dress to Impress **12.20** Emmerdale **1.20** Planet's Got Talent **1.50** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Dress to Impress **7.00** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Senior Moments **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: Knocked Up (2007) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Katherine Heigl. **11.30** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** Ghosted **1.55** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Classic Coronation Street **6.55** Heartbeat **8.00** Wild at Heart **8.55** Judge Judy **10.20** Inspector Morse **12.35** Wild at Heart **1.35** Heartbeat **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.45** Inspector Morse **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.05** Lewis **12.00** Mr Selfridge **1.05** FILM: The Constant Gardener (2005) (15) **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25** FILM: The Constant Gardener (2005) (15) Concluded. **3.10** Inspector Morse **4.55** Judge Judy **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** The Good Old Days **8.20** Top of the Pops: 1984 **9.30** Storyville: How the Beatles Rocked the Kremlin **10.30** Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution – with Howard Goodall **11.30** Arena: Magical Mystery Tour Revisited **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.10** Sings the Beatles **2.10** Storyville: How the Beatles Rocked the Kremlin **3.10** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Hollyoaks **7.00** Charmed **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Black-ish **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** New Girl **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** New Girl **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Streetmate **8.00** FILM: Iron Man 2 (2010) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, with Robert Downey Jr. **10.30** The Big Bang Theory **11.25** Tattoo Fixers at Halloween **12.30** Rude Tube **1.35** First Dates **2.40** GameFace **3.05** Rude Tube **4.00** Black-ish **4.50** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** FILM: Broken Arrow (1950) (PG) **11.20** Food Unwrapped **11.55** Time Team **2.00** Four in a Bed **4.50** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **6.55** The Supervet **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Professor T **10.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.10** 24 Hours in A&E **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Lover Come Back (1961) (PG) **1.15** Two Rode Together (1961) (PG) **3.30** Ice Cold in Alex (1958) (PG) **6.05** The Hunger Games (2012) (12) **9.00** Predestination (2014) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Ethan Hawke. **11.00** Dredd (2012) (18) **12.50** Bound (1996) (18) **3.10** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** American Pickers **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Sin City Motors **4.00** Ice Road Truckers **5.00** Impossible Engineering **6.00** Top Gear **7.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** FILM: xXx (2002) (12) Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel. **11.30** Red Dwarf **12.10** QI **12.50** Room 101 **1.30** Mock the Week **2.10** QI **2.50** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20
7.10 The Bill **8.00** London's Burning **9.00** Casualty **10.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** A Fine Romance **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** London's Burning **4.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **6.00** A Fine Romance **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **8.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.00** The Bill **1.00** London's Burning **2.00** In Deep **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Modern Family **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** It's Me or the Dog **8.30** Send in the Dogs Australia **9.00** The Dog Whisperer **10.00** Zoo Tales **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.30** Modern Family **9.00** Sing: Ultimate A Cappella **10.15** A League of Their Own US Road Trip **11.10** The Simpsons **12.10** A League of Their Own: Unseen **1.10** The Force: North East **2.05** Ross Kemp in Search of Pirates **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** Road Wars **5.00** The Dog Whisperer

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** The British **8.00** Urban Secrets **9.00** The West Wing **11.00** House **1.00** Without a Trace **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** The West Wing **5.00** House **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.00** FILM: Captivated: The Trials of Pamela Smart (2014) (12) **2.00** The Wire **3.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **4.20** The West Wing

W SKY: 109
6.10 Celebrity MasterChef **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **4.00** The Secrets in My Family **5.00** Tipping Point **7.00** Dr Christian Will See You Now **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** Inside Harley Street **10.00** Absolutely Fabulous **10.40** EastEnders **11.40** One Born Every Minute **12.20** Wanted Down Under **1.20** Celebrity MasterChef **2.35** Judge Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110
8.40 Ever Decreasing Circles **9.20** Sorry! **10.00** Last of the Summer Wine **12.00** As Time Goes By **12.40** Keeping Up Appearances **1.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **2.00** The Brittas Empire **2.40** The Good Life **3.20** Porridge **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **6.00** Keeping Up Appearances **6.40** Porridge **7.20** The Good Life **8.00** The Vicar of Dibley **9.20** The Rebel **10.00** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Not Going Out **11.40** The Mighty Boosh **1.00** Inside No 9 **1.40** Snuff Box **2.20** Live at the Apollo **3.10** Not Going Out **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401
6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00** Live European Tour Golf. **2.00** Sky Sports News **3.30** Paddock Uncut **3.45** Live Formula 1. **6.00** Sky Sports News at 6 **7.00** Sky Sports Tonight **7.30** La Liga Greatest Games **7.40** Live WCQ. Sweden v Italy (kick-off 7.45pm). **9.40** La Liga Greatest Games **10.00** Sky Sports News at Ten **11.00** Sky Sports News

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Saturday November 11th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Pointless Celebrities, 5.55pm

10.45 Lord Mayor's Show 2017 (S) **12.05 Football Focus** (S) **12.35 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Rugby League World Cup** (S) **2.00 Live International Rugby Union** (S) **4.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **5.00 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme** (S) **5.35 BBC News** (S) **5.45 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.55 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.45 Strictly Come Dancing** (S)

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8 **8.10 Casualty** Ethan tries to persuade Connie to seek treatment for her condition. (S)

9 **9.00 Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2017** Coverage of the annual Festival of Remembrance at London's Royal Albert Hall. (S)

10 **10.40 BBC News; Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11 **11.00 Mrs Brown's Boys** Agnes looks after a robotic baby. (S)(R) **11.30 The NFL Show** Including highlights of Thursday night's game. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.00 FILM Three Fugitives (1989) (PG)** Comedy, starring Nick Nolte. (S) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.40** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live International Rugby Union, 4.45pm

7.30 Naomi's Nightmares of Nature (S) **8.00 Deadly 60** (S)(R) **8.30 Show Me What You're Made Of** (S) **9.00 Saturday Mash-Up!** (S) Two Minutes Silence. (S) **11.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends** (S)(R) **12.00 Nigella: At My Table** (S)(R) **12.30 Italy Unpacked** (S)(R) **1.30 Wild Brazil** (S)(R) **2.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **3.15 Mastermind** (S)(R) **3.45 Cycling – Track World Cup** (S) **4.45 Live International Rugby Union** (S)

7 **7.30 International Rugby Union** England v Argentina. (S)

8 **8.30 Dad's Army** Mainwaring dreams he is Napoleon. (S)(R)

9 **9.00 FILM Effie Gray (2014) (12)** Premiere. Fact-based period drama, with Dakota Fanning and Emma Thompson. (S)

10 **10.40 QI XL** With Bill Bailey, Jan Ravens and Grayson Perry. (S)

11 **11.25 FILM Private Peaceful (2012) (12)** Drama based on Michael Morpurgo's novel, starring Jack O'Connell and George MacKay. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.00 FILM Free Men (2011) (12)** Second World War drama, starring Tahar Rahim. **2.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

New You've Been Framed!, 6.45pm

9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Saturday Morning with James Martin** (S) **11.30 Gino's Italian Coastal Escape** (S)(R) **11.55 The Harbour** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News 12.30 The X Factor** (S)(R) **2.20 Thunderbirds Are Go** (R) **2.50 Midsomer Murders** (R) **4.40 Catchphrase** (R) **5.25 The Cruise** (S)(R) **5.55 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs** (R) **6.25 ITV News** (S) **6.30 News** (S) **6.45 New You've Been Framed!** (S)

7 **7.10 Ninja Warrior UK** The third heat of the obstacle-course challenge gets under way. (S)(R)

8 **8.10 The X Factor Live** The live phase of the talent contest continues. (S)

9 **9.40 The Jonathan Ross Show** With guests Grace Jones, Nadiya Hussain, Nicole Scherzinger, Micky Flanagan and Stormzy. (S)

10 **10.40 ITV News;** Weather (S) **10.50 World Cup Qualifier Playoff Highlights** Action from all four first-leg matches. (S)

11 **11.55 FILM Run Fat Boy Run (2007) (12)** Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton and Dylan Moran. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.30 Jackpot247 3.00** The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Qualifying – Highlights, 7.30pm

6.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) **7.15 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S) **9.20 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.45 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.25 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** A home in Dorset or Spain. (S)(R) **3.30 A Place in the Sun** (S)(R) **4.00 Best Laid Plans** (S) **5.00 Grand Designs** (S)(R) **6.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.30 Volatile Earth: Killer Floods** (S)

7 **7.30 Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Qualifying – Highlights** Action from the battle for pole position in the 19th round of the season. (S)

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11 **11.30 FILM GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) (12)** Action adventure sequel, with Dwayne Johnson and Bruce Willis. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.40 The Last Leg** (S)(R) **2.30** Hollyoaks (S) **4.40** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.30 Draw It!** (S)(R)

Channel 5

NCIS: New Orleans, 7.50pm

10.35 Access (S) **10.40 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **11.40 Santa Makes You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **12.40 FILM Operation Christmas (2016) (PG)** (S) **2.25 FILM All I Want for Christmas (2013) (12)** (S) **4.05 FILM A Christmas Song (2012) (PG)** (S) **5.05 5 News Update** (S) **5.10 FILM A Christmas Song (2012) (PG)** Concluded. (S) **6.10 FILM The Nine Lives of Christmas (2014) (PG)** (S)

7 **7.10 5 News Update** (S) **7.15 FILM The Nine Lives of Christmas (2014) (PG)** Concluded. (S) **7.50 NCIS: New Orleans** (S)

8 **8.45 NCIS: New Orleans** Sebastian is forced to assist in a prison break. (S)

9 **9.40 5 News Weekend** (S) **9.45 Live Boxing** Josh Taylor v Miguel Vazquez. Coverage of the WBC Silver Super-Lightweight title bout from Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh. (S)

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11 **11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.15 SuperCasino** (S) **3.10** When Calls the Heart (S)(R) **4.40** Access (S) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.50** Emmerdale **9.30** Coronation Street **11.35** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Comedy, starring David Arquette. **12.25** FYI Daily **12.30** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Concluded. **1.30** FILM: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Rupert Everett. **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** FILM: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) Concluded. **3.40** FILM: Bean (1997) (PG) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45** FILM: Bean (1997) (PG) Concluded. **5.20** FILM: Clash of the Titans (2010) (12) Mythological adventure, starring Sam Worthington. **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25** FILM: Clash of the Titans (2010) (12) Concluded. **7.25** FILM: Pacific Rim (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Charlie Hunnam. **8.25** FYI Daily **8.30** FILM: Pacific Rim (2013) (12) Concluded. **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.35** Timewasters **2.05** Viral Tap **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **7.45** Heidi **9.55** FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG) Comedy, with Jim Dale. **10.55** FYI Daily **11.00** FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG) Concluded. **11.50** Wycliffe **1.00** Foyle's War **5.05** Midsomer Murders **11.05** The Syndicate **12.10** Jane Eyre **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Natural World: Honey Badgers – Masters of Mayhem **8.00** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.35** The Vietnam War **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.45** Natural World: Honey Badgers – Masters of Mayhem **2.45** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 How I Met Your Mother **6.55** The Goldbergs **7.55** Made in Chelsea **9.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **11.00** The Goldbergs **1.25** FILM: Johnny English Reborn (2011) (PG) Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson. **3.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Bourne Legacy (2012) (12) Spy thriller sequel, starring Jeremy Renner. **11.40** Gogglebox **1.50** The Inbetweeners **2.50** Rude Tube **3.45** 2 Broke Girls **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **4.50** Rules of Engagement

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Best Laid Plans **10.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **1.00** Coast vs Country **2.05** Four in a Bed **4.40** Come Dine with Me **7.20** Britain's Wildest Weather **9.00** Sarah Millican: Chatterbox Live **10.00** Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game **11.05** It Was Alright in the 1980s **12.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Black Knight (1954) (U) Swashbuckling adventure, with Alan Ladd. **1.00** Short Circuit 2 (1988) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. **3.10** Song of the Sea (2014) (PG) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Lucy O'Connell. **5.05** Picture Perfect (1997) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Aniston and Jay Mohr. **7.05** Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (2014) (PG) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller. **9.00** The World's End (2013) (15) Sci-fi comedy, starring Simon Pegg. **11.10** 30 Days of Night (2007) (18) Horror, starring Josh Hartnett. **1.25** The Anomaly (2014) (15) Sci-fi thriller, directed by and starring Noel Clarke. **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Top Gear **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Deadly 60 **2.00** Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Would I Lie to You? **7.00** Not Going Out **8.20** Not Going Out Christmas Special **9.20** QI XL **10.00** Would I Lie to You? **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **2.00** Not Going Out Christmas Special **2.50** Suits **3.35** The Indestructibles **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Cranford **8.00** Cranford: Return to Cranford **11.30** Sharpe **1.30** The Duchess of Duke Street **5.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **7.00** Sue Thomas: FBEye **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **10.45** Waking the Dead **1.15** The Mystery of Men **3.05** Cranford **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Wild Things **7.00** Modern Family **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** The Flash **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** A Premier League of Their Own **12.30** Futurama **2.45** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.30** Modern Family **6.00** Sing: Ultimate A Cappella **7.05** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Living the Dream **10.00** Bounty Hunters **10.40** The Russell Howard Hour **11.40** A League of Their Own **12.40** Brit Cops: War on Crime **1.40** Arrow **2.35** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **3.30** The Simpsons **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Warner Saga **7.00** Agatha Christie: Murder Beyond the Orient Express **8.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **1.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.15** Babylon Berlin **2.15** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **2.50** Real Time with Bill Maher **4.00** Urban Secrets **5.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough

W SKY: 109

6.10 Celebrity MasterChef **7.00** The Bill **12.00** EastEnders **2.30** Traffic Cops **3.00** Tipping Point **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Joan Collins **9.00** FILM: Rumour Has It (2005) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. **11.00** Wanted Down Under **1.00** Celebrity MasterChef **2.20** Life Is Toff **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.25 Bob Monkhouse: Million Joke Man **8.20** The Interviews **9.20** The Vicar of Dibley **10.40** As Time Goes By **12.00** Only Fools and Horses **6.20** David Jason: My Life on Screen **7.20** Only Fools and Horses **8.30** The Story of Only Fools and Horses **9.30** Murder on the Blackpool Express **11.30** The Trip **12.50** The Fast Show Special **2.35** Big Train **3.05** The Fast Show Special **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00** Live European Tour Golf. The Nedbank Golf Challenge. **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. England v Argentina (kick-off 3.00pm). **5.15** Live International Rugby Union. Ireland v South Africa (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.30** Live WCQ. Denmark v Republic of Ireland (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Live Grand Slam of Darts. The evening session on day one at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall. **12.00** Sky Sports News **3.00** Live Fight Night International. Daniel Jacobs v Luis Arias.

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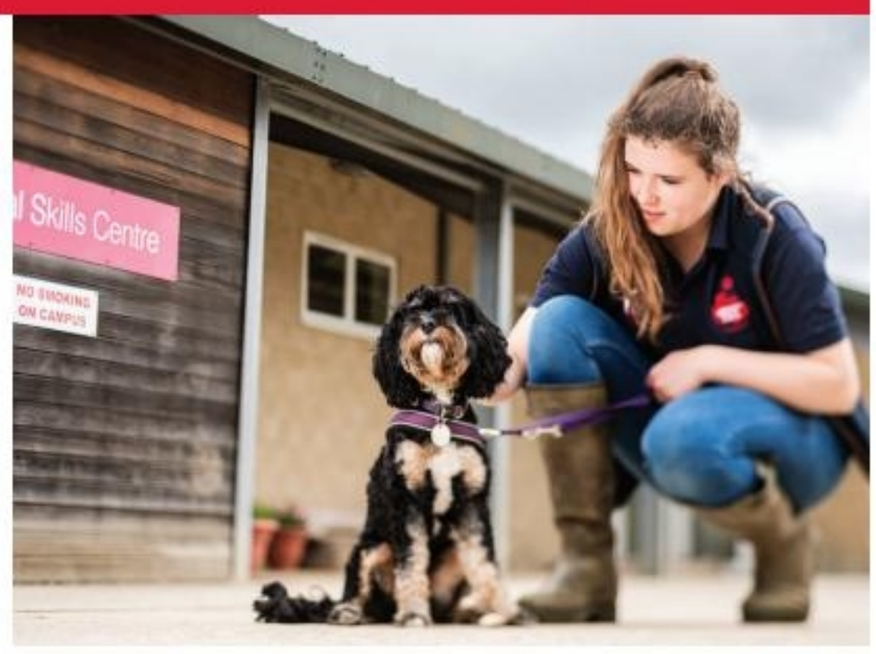

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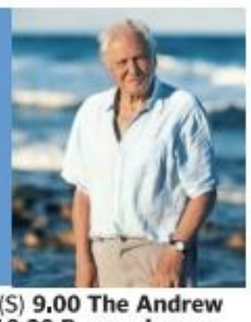
Blue Planet II, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.20 Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph** (S) **12.30 Women at War: 100 Years of Service** (S) **1.30 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.45 Flog It!** (S)(R) **2.05 FILM War Horse (2011) (12)** (S) **4.20 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.55 Blue Planet II** (S)(R) **5.55 BBC News** (S) **6.10 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.20 Countryfile** A special episode for Remembrance Sunday. (S)

DAYTIME

7
- **7.20 Strictly Come Dancing – The Results** The results of last night's viewers' votes are revealed. (S)

8
- **8.00 Blue Planet** Creatures that live on coral reefs. (S)

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- **9.00 Howards End** New series. Period drama, starring Hayley Atwell. (S)

10
- **10.00 BBC News** (S)
- **10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)
- **10.30 Alan Shearer: Dementia, Football And Me** (S)

11
- **11.30 The Women's Football Show** A look at the biggest issues in the women's game. (S)

AFTER 12
- **12.05 Ronny Chieng: International Student** (S) **12.35** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.40** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Snowfall, 10pm

6.05 Coast (S)(R) **6.50 A to Z of TV Gardening** (S)(R) **7.35 Great British Garden Revival** (S)(R) **8.35 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.30 Live Rugby League World Cup** (S) **1.00 International Rugby Union** (S)(R) **2.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals** (S) **4.30 Cycling: Track Cycling World Cup** (S) **6.00 Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph** David Dimbleby presents highlights of the service from Whitehall. (S)

7
- **7.00 Big Life Fix: Children in Need Special** Engineers and designers invent life-changing solutions for children with disabilities. (S)(R)

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- **8.00 Robot Wars** An experienced contestant returns to defend his legacy. (S)

9
- **9.00 Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids** Children undergoing gender-reassignment treatment in San Francisco. (S)(R)

10
- **10.00 Snowfall** Teddy is given once last chance to put things right. (S)
- **10.45 Mock the Week** (S)(R)

11
- **11.15 Rugby League World Cup** Action from the day's final group-stage games. (S)

AFTER 12
- **12.15 FILM The Human Factor (1979) (15)** Espionage thriller, starring Nicol Williamson. (S) **2.10** Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **3.10** Holby City (S)(R) **4.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Chase: Celebrity Special, 6.30pm

9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 FILM Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) (PG)** (S) **11.25 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.35 The X Factor Live** (S)(R) **1.55 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **4.00 Prince Harry and Meghan: Truly, Madly, Deeply** (S)(R) **5.00 Sheridan** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special** (S)

7
- **7.30 The X Factor Live** The third weekend of live shows concludes. (S)

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- **9.00 Elton John: The Nation's Favourite Song** The singer discusses 20 of his biggest hits with David Walliams. (S)

10
- **10.30 ITV News;** Weather (S)
- **10.45 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera** Wakeboarders have a memorable encounter with dolphins. (S)(R)

11
- **11.45 Play to the Whistle** With guest panellists Wilfried Zaha, Funmbi Omotayo and Rochelle Humes. (S)(R)

AFTER 12
- **12.20 Jackpot247 3.00** Motorsport UK (S) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Britain's Forgotten Army, 7pm

6.00 Kevin Can Wait (S) **7.15 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.05 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Simpsons Day** (S)(R) **4.45 FILM Men in Black (1997) (PG)** A cop joins a secret force policing aliens on Earth, and teams up with a veteran partner to track down a giant insect. Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for language and violence. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7
- **7.00 Britain's Forgotten Army** Chinese workers supporting Allied forces in the First World War. (S)

8
- **8.00 The Queen's Favourite Animals** Documentary about the queen's lifelong love of animals. (S)

9
- **9.00 Big Ben: Saving the World's Most Famous Clock** Restoring the iconic clock tower. (S)

10
- **10.30 Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Highlights** Action from the 19th round of the season. (S)

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AFTER 12
- **12.45 FILM Life on the Limit (2013) (12)** Documentary about Formula One racing. (S) **2.45** The Supervet (S)(R) **3.40** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.40** Gillette World Sport (S) **5.05** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **5.35** Countdown (S)(R)

Channel 5

MTV EMA 2017: London, 9pm

10.15 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) **11.00 5 News Special: Remembrance Sunday** (S) **11.05 FILM Let It Snow (2013) (12)** (S) **12.50 FILM On Strike for Christmas (2010) (PG)** (S) **2.30 FILM Just in Time for Christmas (2015) (U)** (S) **4.20 FILM Northpole (2014) (U)** (S) **5.25 5 News Update** (S) **5.30 FILM Northpole (2014) (U)** Concluded. (S) **6.10 FILM Deck the Halls (2006) (PG)** (S)

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- **7.10 5 News Update** (S)
- **7.15 FILM Deck the Halls (2006) (PG)** Concluded. (S)

8
- **8.00 Rugby on 5: Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights** Action from the matchday two pool fixtures. (S)
- **8.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

9
- **9.00 MTV EMA 2017: London** Live coverage of the 24th MTV European Music Awards. (S)

10
- **10.55 Before They Were Stars** Dale Winton revisits popular celebrities' earliest, most embarrassing brushes with fame. (S)(R)

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AFTER 12
- **12.50 Lip Sync Battle UK: Carol Vorderman v Martin Kemp** (S)(R) **1.15** SuperCasino (S) **3.10 FILM Another Cinderella Story (2008) (PG)** (S) **4.40** Access (S) **4.55** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.00** The Cube **8.00** Coronation Street **10.00** 2Awesome: Guidance **10.30** 2Awesome: LA Story **10.40** 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **11.00** The X Factor Live **12.20** Take Me Out **1.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.10** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Live action and animated comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Concluded. **3.50** FILM: Happy Feet Two (2011) (U) Premiere. Animated musical comedy sequel, with the voice of Elijah Wood. **4.50** FYI Daily **4.55** FILM: Happy Feet Two (2011) (U) Concluded. **5.50** FILM: Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Nicholas Hoult. **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** FILM: Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) (12) Concluded. **8.00** FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) James Bond thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) Concluded. **10.15** Family Guy **11.40** American Dad! **12.40** FILM: The Nutty Professor (1996) (PG) **1.40** FYI Daily **1.50** FILM: The Nutty Professor (1996) (PG) Concluded. **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.25** Jane Eyre **8.40** Heartbeat **10.45** Murder, She Wrote **12.50** Heidi **2.55** FILM: Columbo: The Conspirators (1978) (PG) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** The Syndicate **10.10** Honest **11.10** FILM: Chicago (2002) (12) Musical, starring Renee Zellweger. **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25** FILM: Chicago (2002) (12) Concluded. **1.25** The Knock **2.20** Mr Selfridge **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.45** Judge Judy **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Hedd Wyn: The Lost War Poet **9.00** Shark **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Horizon: Strange Signals from Outer Space! **11.30** I Was There: The Great War Interviews **12.30** War of Words: Soldier-Poets of the Somme **2.00** Balletboyz – Young Men **3.00** Shark **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rules of Engagement **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00** The Goldbergs **3.30** The Big Bang Theory: Super Hero Day **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Joe Thomas. **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.05** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **2.10** Rude Tube **2.40** First Dates **3.35** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 The Secret Life of the Zoo **10.00** Coastal Walks with My Dog **11.00** Vet on the Hill **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Last Heroes of the Somme **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E **10.00** 999: What's Your Emergency? **11.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Holiday Inn (1941) (U) Musical, starring Bing Crosby. **1.00** Dragonball Evolution (2009) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Justin Chatwin. **2.40** Carry On Regardless (1961) (U) Slapstick comedy, starring Sid James. **4.30** Hugo (2011) (U) Family adventure, starring Asa Butterfield. **6.55** Tomorrow, When the War Began (2010) (12) Premiere. Action adventure, starring Caitlin Stasey. **9.00** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence. **11.45** Priest (2011) (12) Fantasy thriller, starring Paul Bettany. **1.30** Storage 24 (2012) (15) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Deadly 60 **7.35** Top Gear **10.05** Red Bull Soapbox Race **11.05** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **1.05** Top Gear **2.40** Would I Lie to You? **4.40** Not Going Out **6.00** Not Going Out Christmas Special **7.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** The Last Man on Earth **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **2.00** Taskmaster **2.50** Suits **3.35** The Indestructibles **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Pinkertons **8.00** The Bill **11.00** New Tricks **12.00** Murdoch Mysteries **1.00** Dickensian **4.00** The White Queen **6.40** New Tricks **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Taggart **12.55** Missing **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.30** The Simpsons **11.00** WWE Raw Hits **12.00** Supergirl **1.00** The Flash **2.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Marvel's Inhumans **9.00** Strike Back. Section 20 start to close in on terrorist Omair Idrisi and his wife Jane Lowry, but the team is forced to extract devious arms dealer Morgan Ives from Libya. With Trevor Eve. **10.00** The Force: North East. New homeowners get a shock when they discover a cannabis farm in their loft, while officers investigate after getting a tip-off about some forged cash. **11.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **1.00** The Russell Howard Hour **2.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **3.00** Brit Cops: War on Crime **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **8.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **9.00** Without a Trace **2.00** FILM: Dinosaur 13 (2014) (PG) The true story of one of history's greatest dinosaur discoveries. **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Babylon Berlin **11.00** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.10** Dice **12.45** Tin Star **1.45** Vice Principals **2.20** Room 104 **2.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **4.10** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

12.25 Traffic Cops **1.00** Outnumbered **3.00** Doctor Who **7.00** The Secrets in My Family **8.00** Dr Christian Will See You Now **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Joan Collins **10.00** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **11.00** Inside the Ambulance **12.00** Wanted Down Under **1.00** Celebrity MasterChef **2.40** Judge Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.15 You, Me & Them **7.50** The Interviews **8.50** As Time Goes By **10.10** Only Fools and Horses **7.00** Murder on the Blackpool Express **9.00** Absolutely Fabulous **11.45** Little Britain **1.00** Absolutely Fabulous **3.25** Big Train

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Sky Sports News **7.00** Total Goals **8.00** Live European Tour Golf. The Nedbank Golf Challenge. **2.00** Live Grand Slam of Darts. The afternoon session on day two at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall. **4.30** Live WCQ. Switzerland v Northern Ireland (kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** Live Grand Slam of Darts. The evening session on day two at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall. **11.00** Live NFL. A match from the NFL season. **1.00** Live NFL **4.30** NFL Undiscovered **5.00** Sky Sports News

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DAYTIME

BBC1

10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **11.00 Getting the Builders In** (S) **11.45 Fugitives** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Impossible** (S)(R) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 Royal Recipes** (S) **4.30 Flog It!** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News** (S)

BBC2

8.00 Sign Zone: The Big Family Cooking Showdown (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 Permission Impossible: Britain's Planners** (S)(R) **2.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals** (S) **4.45 Bob Hope: Talking Comedy** (S)(R) **5.15 Street Auction** (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** (S) **6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two** (S)

ITV

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **3.00 Tenable** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.30 ITV News;** Weather (S)

Channel 4

9.00 Frasier (S)(R) **10.05 Ramsay's Hotel Hell** (S)(R) **11.00 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 My Kitchen Rules** (S) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S)(R) **4.00 Coast vs Country** (S) **5.00 Four in a Bed** (S) **5.30 Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **1.10 Access** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.20 NCIS: New Orleans** (S)(R) **3.20 FILM A Christmas Star (2016) (U)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
7	**7.00 The One Show** Hosted by Michael Ball and Alex Jones. (S) **7.30 Student Loan Scandal – Panorama**; (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)	**7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** New series. With Hayley Mills and Stephen Tompkinson. (S)	**7.00 Emmerdale** Faith has a heart-to-heart with Pollard. (S) **7.30 Coronation Street** Billy's past comes back to haunt him. (S)	**7.00 Channel 4 News** (S)	**7.00 MotoGP Highlights** The Valencian Community Motorcycle Grand Prix. Last in the series; (S) 5 News Update (S)
8	**8.00 EastEnders** Phil finds out that Luke is Willmott-Brown's son. (S) **8.30 Children in Need Rocks the 80s** With A-ha, Bananarama. (S)	**8.00 University Challenge** The first of the second-round matches. (S) **8.30 Nigella: At My Table** Dishes to share around the table. (S)	**8.00 The Harbour** A three-day triathlon festival draws huge crowds to Tenby. (S) **8.30 Coronation Street** Billy shocks Todd with a confession. (S)	**8.00 The Great Housing Scandal: Channel 4 Dispatches** (S) **8.30 Tricks of the Restaurant Trade** (S)	**8.00 All New Traffic Cops** Officers are led on a chase through Bradford; (S) 5 News Update (S)
9		**9.00 The Boy with the Topknot** Biographical drama, starring Sacha Dhawan. (S)	**9.00 Gone to Pot: American Road Trip** New series. Five celebrities explore the pros and cons of the legalisation of marijuana. (S)	**9.00 999: What's Your Emergency?** The impact on the emergency services of the rising number of homeless people. (S)	**9.00 Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys** Chris sets out to cross Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania by rail in just one week. (S)
10	**10.00 BBC News at Ten** (S) **10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **10.45 Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts. (S)	**10.30 Newsnight** (S)	**10.00 ITV News;** Weather (S) **10.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **10.45 The Murder of Becky Watts: Police Tapes** The inner workings of the investigation into the teenager's murder. (S)(R)	**10.00 First Dates** A receptionist sits down for a meal with a chef. (S)	**10.00 Secrets of the Tube: Going Underground** The story of how London's transit system was built. (S)(R)
11	**11.30 The Graham Norton Show** With Hugh Grant and Kelly Clarkson. (S)(R)	**11.10 Weather** (S) **11.15 Exodus: Our Journey Continues** Nazifa and Latif make a potentially life-changing decision. (S)(R)	**11.40 The Jonathan Ross Show** With guests Grace Jones, Nadiya Hussain, Nicole Scherzinger, Micky Flanagan and Stormzy. (S)(R)	**11.05 Naked Attraction** A man wants to find a partner who shares his love of adventure. (S)(R)	**11.05 FILM Kickboxer (1989) (18)** Action thriller, with Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dennis Alexio and Haskell V Anderson. (S)
AFTER 12	**12.20 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **12.25** BBC News (S)	**12.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (S)(R) **1.00 Blue Planet II** (S)(R) **2.00** This Is BBC Two (S)	**12.40 Jackpot247 3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) **3.55 ITV Nightscreen 5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)	**12.10 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.40** The Simpsons (S)(R) **1.05** The Truth About Slim People (S)(R) **2.00** The Secret Life of 4 Year Olds (S)(R) **2.55** The Supervet (S)(R) **3.55** Grand Designs Australia (S)(R) **4.50** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **5.10** Draw It! (S)(R)	**12.50 SuperCasino** (S) **3.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (S)(R) **4.00** Never Teach Your Wife to Drive (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** House Busters (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special **6.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.10** Dinner Date **8.00** Emmerdale **8.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.30** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **10.20** Dinner Date **11.20** Dress to Impress **12.20** Emmerdale **12.50** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Senior Moments **1.50** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** Family Guy **9.30** Ghosted **10.00** American Dad! **10.30** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **12.50** Celebrity Juice **1.40** Scorpion **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Classic Coronation Street **6.55** Heartbeat **7.55** Wild at Heart **8.55** Judge Judy **10.15** Inspector Morse **12.35** Wild at Heart **1.35** Heartbeat **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.45** Inspector Morse **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Endeavour **12.05** Inspector Morse **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Beyond 100 Days **7.00** Weather **7.30** A King's Speech: Martin Luther King on Tyneside **8.00** The Art of Scandinavia **9.00** Toffs, Queers and Traitors: Guy Burgess – The Charming Spy: Storyville **10.30** Kim Philby – His Most Intimate Betrayal **12.30** Francesco's Venice **1.30** The Search for Life: The Drake Equation **2.30** The Art of Scandinavia **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **7.00** Charmed **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Black-ish **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** New Girl **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** New Girl **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Streetmate **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Made in Chelsea **10.00** Tattoo Fixers at Halloween **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **1.10** Made in Chelsea **2.15** First Dates **4.05** Black-ish **4.50** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** FILM: The Three Musketeers (1973) (PG) **11.40** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **11.55** Time Team **2.00** Four in a Bed **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **6.50** The Supervet **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Vet on the Hill **10.00** The Supervet **11.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.00** Vet on the Hill **2.05** The Supervet **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Reckless Moment (1949) (PG) **12.40** The Nebraskan (1953) (PG) **2.00** Decision at Sundown (1957) (U) **3.35** Comanche Station (1960) (PG) **5.05** Guadalcanal Diary (1943) (PG) **6.55** Dante's Peak (1997) (12) **9.00** 47 Ronin (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Keanu Reeves. **11.15** Lockout (2012) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Guy Pearce. **1.05** About Elly (2009) (12) **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** American Pickers **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Sin City Motors **4.00** Deadly 60 on a Mission **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Don't Say It, Bring It **8.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Red Dwarf **10.40** Zapped **11.20** Live at the Apollo **12.20** Mock the Week **1.00** QI XL **2.00** Room 101 **2.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.10** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Dickensian **8.00** London's Burning **9.00** Casualty **10.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** A Fine Romance **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** London's Burning **4.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **6.00** A Fine Romance **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **8.00** Ashes to Ashes **9.00** Death in Paradise **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.00** The Bill **1.00** London's Burning **2.00** In Deep **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Monkey Life **7.00** Zoo Tales **8.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **8.30** Send in the Dogs Australia **9.00** The Dog Whisperer **10.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** Bounty Hunters **10.40** Sick Note **11.40** The Simpsons **12.30** A League of Their Own: Rally Special **1.00** The Force: North East **2.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **3.00** Brit Cops: War on Crime **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** The Dog Whisperer

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** The British **8.00** Fish Town **9.00** The West Wing **11.00** House **12.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **1.00** Without a Trace **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** The West Wing **5.00** House **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Alan Partridge's Mid Morning Matters **10.00** Curb Your Enthusiasm **10.40** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.15** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.25** Vice Principals **1.00** The Deuce **2.10** Californication **3.20** House **4.15** The West Wing

W SKY: 109

6.10 Wanted Down Under **8.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** Tipping Point **7.00** One Born Every Minute **8.00** Inside the Ambulance **9.00** The Secrets in My Family **10.00** Absolutely Fabulous **10.40** EastEnders **11.20** One Born Every Minute **12.20** Wanted Down Under **1.20** Celebrity MasterChef **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.25 Yes, Prime Minister **8.00** The Brittas Empire **8.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.20** Sorry! **10.00** Last of the Summer Wine **12.00** As Time Goes By **12.40** Keeping Up Appearances **1.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **2.00** The Brittas Empire **2.40** The Good Life **3.20** Porridge **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **6.00** Keeping Up Appearances **6.40** Porridge **8.20** The Good Life **9.00** Two Doors Down **10.20** The Rebel **11.00** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow **12.00** Absolutely Fabulous **1.20** Big School **2.00** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow **2.50** Bob Monkhouse: On the Spot **3.25** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Premier League Daily **11.00** Sky Sports Daily **12.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. **4.00** Sky Sports News **5.00** Sky Sports News at 5 **6.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. **7.40** Live WCQ. Italy v Sweden (kick-off 7.45pm). **9.40** Live Grand Slam of Darts. **11.00** Sky Sports News **1.00** NFL Masterclass **1.15** Live NFL. **4.45** NFL Masterclass **5.00** Sky Sports News

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Looks good and drives even better

By **Tony Yates**

I'm not sure about you – but when I first set my eyes on the Q5, I thought 'man its big' – but then as you start to look around at what else is on the road, you begin to notice that actually, it's really not that big at all, compared to its competition.

Then when you finally get behind the wheel and start driving the Q5, it actually feels no bigger than a medium-sized saloon – which to be honest for a large SUV is amazing.

Power & efficiency

The Q5 I had on test was fitted with a 190PS, 2.0-litre TDI direct injection diesel engine that has 400NM of torque and can accelerate from zero-to-62 mph in 7.9 seconds and will reach a maximum top speed of around 135mph.

The Q5 is also equipped with a Stop/Start system to enhance fuel economy which all helped the Q5 return a combined figure of around 50mpg using my normal driving route – plus a bit of motorway driving.

On the road

The steering is accurate in whatever situation unfolds itself on the road and the chassis and grip levels are all good thanks to that wonderful 'Quattro' system. The Q5 is also a very engaging drive, but you need to remember that this car is not a raw seat of your pants drive - even with the S Line & S Tronic badges nailed to the tailgate.

When you do finally find the right road to get the hammer down, the Q5 fits in perfectly with the road ahead thanks to independent suspension and a five-link axle with a front track rod, aluminium link subframe and tubular anti-roll bar at the front & rear.

As I said before, the Q5 comes with that wonderful Quattro on-demand system that is designed to switch between all-wheel drive and front-wheel drive in a fraction of a second by monitoring driving dynamics, road conditions and driver behaviour.

Design & technology

Equipment highlights include; Dual-circuit brake system, Antilock Braking System, Electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD) Electronic Differential Lock (EDL) Traction Control (ASR) Electronic Stabilisation Control (ESC).

Good features and a firm sense of reliability help make the Audi Q5 a brilliant car

Then we move onto the inside. For a start off, there is now more headroom, legroom and cabin space on the inside compared to the previous model. Plus, Audi has used premium materials on the inside of the Q5 and nothing looks cheaply made. Then there are the controls – set out to be as ergonomic as possible and have that quality feel to them throughout the interior.

Some of the standard equipment includes; 19" x 8.0J '5-twin-spoke star' design, diamond cut finish alloy wheels, S line exterior body styling, LED headlights with Q signature design, LED rear lights and dynamic indicators, Front Sport seats with 'S' embossed logo in leather/Alcantara, Inlays in matt brushed aluminium, high multi-function 3-spoke leather steering wheel with grips in perforated leather. Gear-lever knob in black perforated leather, illuminated door sill trims with 'S' logo, privacy glass, contrast stitching on seats, steering wheel and gear lever gaiter.

Plus, 4-way electric lumbar support, LED Interior Lighting Pack, MMI Navigation (SD card-based), Audi Connect Infotainment ServicesPlus (3-month trial – then 36-month subscription available) I could go on..

To sum up

The Q5 is a brilliant car – but what makes it stand out from the rest is its ability to look good and drive even better. I would not rule out taking a look at the Audi Q5 in the future because it has some great features along with a good chassis and a firm sense of reliability on its side.

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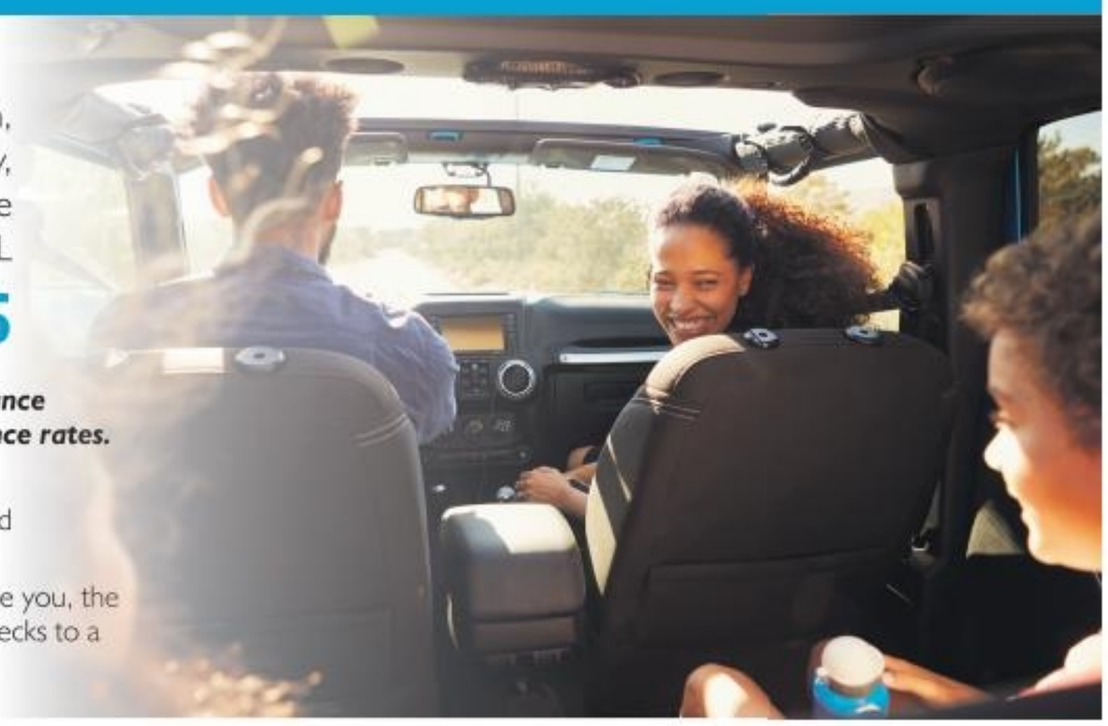

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Taking the Compact-SUV segment by storm – the MG ZS

With sales of Compact-SUV and small Crossovers continuing to grow across Europe, up 10% in the first half of 2017*, MG Motor UK has increased its offering in the market with its all-new MG ZS. A global car which has been reengineered specifically for the UK audience, the MG ZS demonstrates MG's continued commitment to design excellence, engineering innovation and affordable style.

Available from UK dealers as of 1st November 2017, the MG ZS has already attracted significant attention since it was officially unveiled at the London Motor Show earlier this year. The intervening six months has seen thousands of people register their interest in the car, with dealers expecting this to translate to record sales figures in the latter part of the year.

With the entry-level model available on the road from just £12,495 – around £2,500 more affordable than the equivalent Nissan Juke, and other competitors; the MG ZS also launches with a host of competitive finance offers.

At just £199 per month for the top-of-the-range Exclusive manual, with £3,550 deposit, 0% finance, the MG ZS represents outstanding style and exceptional value.

Guaranteed for the future with an industry-beating 7 year warranty

Coming with one of the longest fully transferable warranties in its class, the MG ZS offers a 7 year/80,000-mile warranty as standard across all variants. Testament to MG's confidence in the quality of its design, engineering and manufacturing operations, this industry-beating warranty sees MG back up its promise of quality with a full 7 year manufacturer warranty, with rivals such as SsangYong, Hyundai and Toyota only providing 5 years.

Driving excellence with three unique steering modes

The MG ZS is a global car with a distinct British feel. Completely reengineered by the UK engineering team, this MG ZS has been tested on UK roads and developed for UK drivers. As such, the Excite and Exclusive models come with three power-assisted steering modes – Urban, Normal and Dynamic – which are designed to give the driver complete control over their ride.

While Urban steering offers a lighter and quicker response at low speeds and when parking, the Dynamic mode is designed to increase the steering effort, deliver a higher damping effect and increase the centre definition at medium and high vehicle speeds. The Normal steering option delivers a great fit to MG's tailored suspension set-up and vehicle dynamics response for drivers who want to maintain a consistent ride.

Top-spec tech – including Apple CarPlay

Firmly committed to ensuring customers get exceptional value for money, the MG ZS comes with most of the 'extras' as standard. An industry-leading 8" touch sensitive infotainment screen is supported by DAB radio (on the Exclusive and Excite models), while Bluetooth hands-free and remote central locking is available across the range. Cruise control is also included, while air conditioning comes as standard on Excite and Exclusive models, and Satellite Navigation and a rear camera are standard on the Exclusive variant.

MG also stands out from the crowd with its offer of Apple CarPlay on the MG ZS Excite and Exclusive variants at no extra cost. The safer way to use your iPhone in the car, CarPlay takes the things you want to do with your iPhone while driving and puts them on the car's in-built display. With the massive 8" touchscreen in the MG ZS Excite and Exclusive models, this means you can get directions, make calls, send and receive messages and listen to music, all in a way that allows you to stay focused on the road.

Dynamic design and a new, tri coat paint

The MG ZS showcases the future design direction for MG, expressing an 'Emotional Dynamism' which is set to feature across all upcoming models. A distinctive grille, increased MG branding and delicate nose gives the car a refined look that is carried through to its sweeping corners and solid backend. A combination of quality and premium finish has been at the heart of MG's design philosophy, with every surface, material and fitting selected for its visual impact, as well as durability and longevity.

The MG ZS, as standard in Arctic White, also comes with a range of colours and metallic options – Laser Blue, Black Pearl, Cosmic Silver and Spiced Orange, as well as a specially-developed tri coat Dynamic Red paint option. Headlights are also a key design feature, with a massive 23 LEDs creating a design statement in each one and day/dusk sensors, even on the entry-level Explore model.

Class-leading space

With one of the most generous shoulder, leg and headroom capacities in its segment, the MG ZS offers a premium travelling experience for driver and passenger alike – providing around 55mm additional rear shoulder room and 80mm rear headroom than the segment average. An incredible 448 litres of boot capacity (some 60 litres larger than the typical Compact-SUV) – plus a split-level boot – provides plenty of room for prams, luggage, outdoor leisure equipment or the weekly shop, while keen cyclists and adventure sports fans will benefit from numerous compartments throughout the car which provide additional storage.

Cheaper than the equivalent Nissan Juke, the MG ZS offers similar internal space to the larger Qashqai. At 179mm longer, 44mm wider and 46mm taller than the Juke, this makes for a more generous cabin, that enables larger adults to sit comfortably, both front and rear. An additional 94 litres of boot space over the Juke makes it a more practical option too. The MG ZS also outperforms other rivals in the segment, with 98 litres of additional boot volume over the Mazda CX3, and 93 litres on top of the Ford EcoSport.

The MG ZS is also European Regulation R129 i-Size compatible in the rear of the car across all models – Explore, Excite and Exclusive, meaning it is suitable for all rear-facing car seats which rely on ISOFIX settings.

An engine for the future – 1.5 litre, five-speed manual and 1.0 litre automatic

Customers can choose from a 1.5 DOHC VTI-tech, four-cylinder engine with smooth and responsive five-speed manual gearbox, or a 1.0 GDI turbo-charged, three-cylinder version of the engine which complements the six-speed automatic gearbox option to produce a fast-paced and dynamic ride for drivers looking to experience a little extra.

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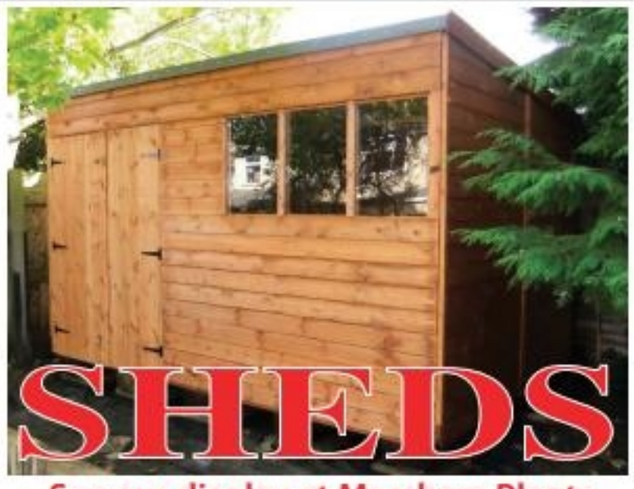

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Massa: F1 career is at an end

By George Welch

F1 - Williams

WILLIAMS driver Felipe Massa is to retire from Formula 1 at the end of the season – again.

The Brazilian first retired a year ago only to return to the team when Valtteri Bottas left to join Mercedes following the shock retirement of world champion Nico Rosberg.

But Massa, whose 267 Grand Prix starts are the sixth most in history, said his decision is final this time.

He said: "I agreed to return this season to help Williams when the call came. I have now enjoyed four great years with the team, but my career in Formula 1 will finally come to an end this season."

Massa, 36, has won 11 grand prix in his career and joined Grove-based Williams in 2014.

Over the last four years, he has helped the team secure third place in the Constructors' Championship in 2014 and 2015, and fifth place in 2016.

The popular Felipe Massa, signing autographs at the United States GP, will be missed by Formula 1 fans. Picture: *Williams Martini Racing*

Massa, who achieved his biggest successes for Ferrari, thanked his supporters and said: "I take so many great memories with me as I prepare for my final two races in Brazil and Abu Dhabi, and although they will be emotional, I am looking forward to ending on a high note and preparing for a new chapter in my career."

Williams deputy team principal Claire Williams said it has been "an absolute pleasure" to work with him.

She added: "We are especially grateful that he agreed to postpone his retirement from Formula 1 for a year, after Valtteri joined Mercedes, which demonstrated the depth of the relationship we built during our time together.

"We appreciate that it wasn't an easy decision for him to return, after having such an emotional send-off at the end of last year."

The team said it would announce its 2018 driver line-up in due course, although Robert Kubica, Paul di Resta and Pascal Wehrlein have emerged as the favourites to replace Massa.

Massa heads into his penultimate Formula 1 race in his home country on Sunday on 36 points.

Grosjean hoping to narrow gap in constructors' table

F1 - Haas

ROMAIN Grosjean believes Haas can benefit from the raft of changes at Toro Rosso to overhaul the Italian team in the championship.

While Grove-based Williams look set to secure fifth place in the Constructors Championship, positions six, seven and eight remain up for grabs with just two races to go.

Heading into Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix, Toro Rosso lead the way of that mini pack on 53 points, five ahead of Enstone's Renault and six in front of Banbury's Haas.

But the Faenza-based team, who have only scored once in four races and have changed both drivers this season, are there for the taking, according to Grosjean.

The Haas top scorer said: "I think out of those teams, Renault is the faster one. They've got a really good car through to the end of the season.

"They've had a bit more of a difficult time in the races, which has allowed us to close the gap and keep them in sight [but] Toro Rosso is the one we can try to go for.

"They're not performing better than we are, and they've got less experience among their drivers, so that should help us."

Team-mate Kevin Magnussen called for focus ahead of the penultimate race of the season in Brazil.

The Dane said: "It's only one point now to Renault for seventh and it's only six points to Toro Rosso.

"It's extremely close and anything can happen in these last two races.

"We just need to be on top of everything and get everything out of it that we can.

"It's not going to be easy. Those teams are doing well and they're tough competitors."

Romain Grosjean during the drivers' parade at the 2017 Mexican Grand Prix. Picture: Haas F1

Rider's successful year topped off with royal honour

Equestrian

A TEENAGE showjumping superstar collected a prestigious award at a ceremony that brought together British and equestrian royalty.

Oliver Fletcher received the British Showjumping Award from Princess Anne following an incredibly successful year.

Oliver Fletcher collects his award from HRH The Princess Royal

Representing Great Britain at the Children's European Championships in Samorin, Slovakia, the 14-year-old from Faringdon won both team gold and individual bronze medals as a result of his performances across the championships.

The youngster also won the Children's International Grand Prix in Wierden in Netherlands riding horse Dahar.

Thanks to his remarkable consistency in over 1 metre 50 classes, Oliver, the son of former showjumping Olympian Graham and London 2012 reserve rider Tina, is the leading under 21 rider in the British Showjumping leagues.

This year's event celebrated the 75th Animal Health Trust UK Equestrian Awards.

Professional riders, leading equine vets and horse welfare specialists attended the special event, hosted at The London Marriott Hotel in Grosvenor Square at the end of last month.

Every penny of profit made on the night by the AHT is reinvested into their care for animals.

Eddie Pepperell finished tied sixth at the Turkish Airlines Open

Turkish delight for Eddie after a strong finish

Golf

EDDIE Pepperell's strong finish to the season continued with another fantastic outing in the Turkish Airlines Open.

The Frilford Heath member ended on 14-under par for a share of sixth place in Antalya, four shots off winner Justin Rose.

The Abingdon golfer's best run of form in his career has propelled him back into the world's top 150 after an 18-month absence.

It was Pepperell's third consecutive top-10 finish as well as his seventh in his last eight tournaments.

Pepperell, whose high point came when he eagled the 15th hole on the final day, put in championship winning performances on three of the four days and even found himself in second place heading into Saturday.

The week started in sublime style, with the 26-year-old recording back-to-back rounds of 66 in days one and two to sit second in the leaderboard, four points behind then-leader Nicolas Colsaerts.

Things were going steady on Saturday until two late bogeys on the 17th and 18th holes meant he carded a level-par round of 71.

Pepperell had lost places, starting the final round in a share of seventh, but hadn't lost shots on the leaders.

Birdies at the fourth, fifth, 11th and 12th holes kept Pepperell in the hunt, although his progress was hindered by dropped shots at the seventh and 13th.

He hit back with his eagle three on 15 to finish strongly and secure his tied sixth placed finish.

Pepperell is up to 35th in the European Tour money list for this season, ahead of the Nedbank Golf Challenge in South Africa, in which he tees off at 8.39am today (Thursday).

Young golfers tee up promising careers

Golf

JUNIOR golfers enjoyed the challenge of competing at Studley Wood GC as the east Oxfordshire venue held the JGAP Champion of Champions Final.

Alex Barnett, who is a member at Ellesborough (Wycombe) and has a handicap of 23, was the stand out player as he carded a magnificent tally of 43 points over 18 holes.

The 12-year-old finished four points ahead of Freddie Murfitt (Studley Brook), who took second from Kidlington's Alfie Westbrook (Studley Brook/Frilford Heath) with the same score.

Countback was needed to decide the winner of the girls competition as Lily Rigby-Walden edged out Huntswood (Taplow) clubmate Erin Bailey thanks to a better back three holes after both came in with 38 points.

Scoring in the boys' nine-hole competition proved that the future continues to look bright for regional golf after Eli Matthews (Goring & Streatley) bagged 34 points to clinch first prize by four from Callum Lambert.

Alex Barnett, 12 from Reading, second in from front right, won the JGAP Champion of Champions Final at Studley Wood GC.
Picture: *The Sports Journalist*

Sport

Leigh on top in seven-goal thriller

By George Welch

Evo Stik round-up

NORTH Leigh twice came from behind to earn a thrilling 4-3 win at home to Bideford and record back-to-back home wins for the first time this season.

Mid-table Millers, who trailed 1-0 and 2-1 before a fantastic second-half showing, have been craving more consistency to replicate their play-off challenge of last season.

Leigh got the win against play-off hopefuls Bideford but they certainly did it the hard way.

Bideford took the lead midway through the first half through Craig Duff.

A powerful George Seacole strike deservedly got the hosts back on level terms on 39 minutes but Bideford went in at the break ahead following Duff's second of the afternoon.

However, John Brough's side came out fighting in the second half as they hit three goals in eight minutes.

Matt Grabe's shot from the tightest of angles made it 2-2 on 54 minutes before Dejon Noel-Williams, on loan from Oxford United, put the hosts in front for the first time.

Seacole then scored his second to make it 4-2 but Leigh had to fight to hold on following Connor Waldron's red card.

James Mayne reduced the deficit in added time but the home side held on.

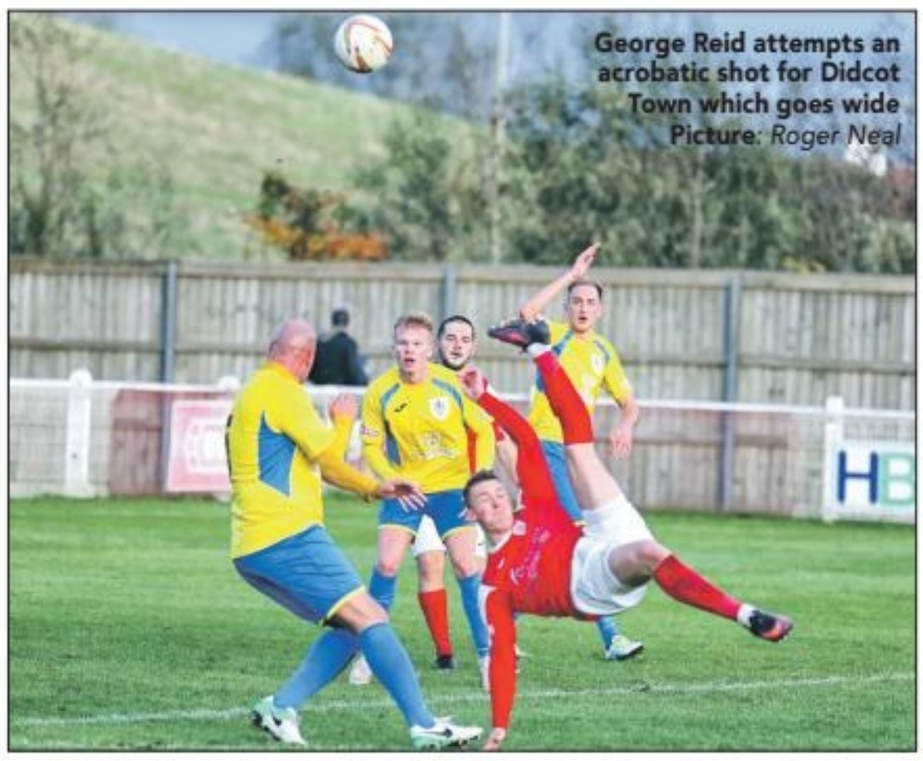
Didcot Town slipped out of the Evo-Stik South West play-offs after suffering a 4-0 defeat at home to league leaders Taunton Town.

The Railwaymen conceded after just seven minutes when Dan Sullivan slammed home.

Didcot were 2-0 down shortly after the hour when Ollie Chamberlain powerfully headed home a cross.

And just 12 minutes later it was 4-0 as Taunton taunted their hosts following Matt Wright's quick-fire double.

Kidlington played out a 0-0 draw at home to AFC Totton to extend their unbeaten league run to eight games and stay a point and place above county rivals North Leigh.



George Reid attempts an acrobatic shot for Didcot Town which goes wide Picture: *Roger Neal*

In the South East division, a 94th minute Aylesbury equaliser pinned Thame United back in a 1-1 draw.

United broke the deadlock just after the hour when Lynton Goss, playing against his former side, unleashed an unstoppable 25-yard shot into the top corner.

But Jordan Jenkins snatched a point when he headed past Craig Hill.

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Puritans throw away lead to lose two in a row by two

Banbury United

BANBURY United's five-match unbeaten run came to an end with two losses at home this week.

The Puritans threw away a 1-0 lead to lose 2-1 against Tiverton Town on Saturday before succumbing to Kings Lynn Town by the same scoreline three days later.

A Darren Pond header midway through the second half wasn't enough to earn United anything at the Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium on Tuesday.

Two first half goals from Michael Clunan (25 minutes, pen) and Cameron Norman (34) were enough for the Linnets to claim all three points.

United improved in the second period to grab a goal back but couldn't force an equaliser.

The defeat followed another disappointing day at the office on Saturday when Tiverton Town hit back from behind to inflict a 2-1 defeat.

Goals from Levi Landricombe and Owen Howe in the final 20 minutes of the game turned the game around to cancel out Matt Peake-Pijnen's equaliser.

The Puritans were dominant and could have been ahead by the break as Jefferson Louis, Ravi Shamsi and Luke Carnell all went close.

Louis hit the post before the breakthrough was finally made on 55 minutes when Peake-Pijnen connected with a Charlie Hawtin pass to score from a narrow angle.

But the visitors struck back against the run of play on 73 minutes when Landricombe's 30-yard effort nestled in the back of the net.

The game was turned on its head when Tiverton's Howe headed home a free-kick to condemn United to their first defeat in nearly a month.

Nomads pointless in back-to-back away defeats

Hellenic round up

DISAPPOINTING back-to-back away defeats halted Oxford City Nomads' resurging form.

The development side went into last Friday's match at Tuffley Rovers in confident form having won their previous four matches.

However, a last-minute header meant they left Gloucester with a 2-1 defeat and no points.

The Nomads suffered a worse night at Thatcham Town on Tuesday as the Kingfishers strolled to a 5-1 win at Waterside Park.

Wantage Town drew 1-1 at mid-table Longlevens the same night to maintain their unbeaten record but in dropping the two points the Freds wasted the opportunity to turn up the pressure at the top of the Hellenic Premier table.

Jim Glover scored in the final 15 minutes to cancel out Myron Turner's first half opener and rescue a point.

The draw followed the promotion hopeful's comeback win at bottom club Fairford Town on Saturday.

Dan Bailey gave Fairford the lead at Cinder Lane Stadium but a Steve Robertson strike levelled the scores before half time.

Goals from Jack Powell and Jack Dunmall in the last 13 minutes eventually saw Town across the line.

Abingdon United's match at Lydney Town on Saturday was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

There are no league games this weekend but Wantage Town host Melksham Town in the second round of the FA Vase on Saturday.

Stars light up league after victory in top-of-table clash

Ice hockey

OXFORD City Stars are shining bright at the top of the NIHL2S Wilkinson table after beating Peterborough Phantoms 7-3 in Sunday's top-of-the-table clash.

Stars head coach Kenny Redmond expected a tough night in Peterborough, and that's exactly what he got.

But in a game that swung one way and another, and threatened to boil over on more than one occasion, the Stars emerged victorious.

The away side raced to a 4-0 lead as Kamil Kinkor and Matt Lawday scored first period goals before Mike Whillock and Josh Oliver netted quickly after the restart.

The game was far from over though and, spurred into action, the hosts hit back through James Pentecost.

A flurry of goals in the second half of the period meant the initiative swung one way then the other – captain Darren Elliott and Dax Hedges netted for the Stars, Bradley Moore and Kenny Bavin for the Phantoms.

The second period also saw most of the penalty action, with scuffles breaking out on numerous occasions.

However, the third period was a much calmer affair, with a solitary goal scored by Oliver to wrap up the win.

The Stars face two games this coming weekend as they travel to Haringey Huskies on Saturday before welcoming Guildford to Oxpens Road on Sunday.

Kenny Redmond, pictured back right, and his side are top of the table

Eagles rebrand to join with Heat

Basketball

OXFORD Eagles, the long-running wheelchair basketball club for children based in the city, has re-branded as Oxfordshire Heat and become part of the South Oxfordshire Heat Basketball Club.

The decision to change the club name and logo and unite under one framework has been taken to improve the growth of wheelchair basketball opportunities for youth and adult players.

Kieran Calvert, head coach of the wheelchair basketball programme, said: "We have been building wheelchair basketball in Oxford for some time but it's really started moving forward because of the partnership with South Oxfordshire Heat.

"We have doubled our numbers in a few months and it is super exciting where we are going. This is a growing sport and we are really pleased to be able to provide the opportunity to play to more people in Oxfordshire."

Club trustee Shiv Mahalingham added: "The unification of the clubs will open up basketball to many restricted mobility children and adults in Oxford and we plan to enter a league next season for those all important competition opportunities."

Heat sessions take place at the GLL Better Leisure Centre in Abingdon every fortnight on Friday from 6.45pm to 7.45pm (adults) and Sunday from midday to 1pm (children).

U's through in topsy-turvey game despite narrow defeat

By George Welch

Oxford United 3

Jack Payne 33, 39 (p), Rob Hall 64

MK Dons 4

Brandon Thomas-Asante 10, Gboly Ariyibi 40, 45, Ryan Seager 66

Attendance: 1,182 (101 away)

Jack Payne with the first of his two goals and below, Xemi's header was just wide of the post
Pictures: *Steve Daniels*

OXFORD United are through to the knockout stages of the Checkatrade Trophy despite a chaotic 4-3 defeat at home to MK Dons on Tuesday.

Two goals from Jack Payne in the first half and a Rob Hall strike in the second meant little as results elsewhere guaranteed the U's a place in the next round as runners up in Group G.

The goal-fest at the Kassam was played out in front of just 1,182 spectators – United's third lowest home gate of all time.

But those who did attend enjoyed an entertaining game, although the defending on show was as leaky as the weather was miserable.

Pep Clotet, the United boss, made five changes from Friday's awful FA Cup exit at Port Vale.

The U's created lots and had copious chances to stick the ball in the back of the net, only for Brandon Thomas-Asante to give the Dons the lead on 10 minutes.

Joe Rothwell, Xemi, Payne and Jon Obika went close for United, the latter striking the post for the men in yellow.

Robbie Muirhead missed an open goal at the other end – and all this happened before 25 minutes.

Oxford had threatened an equaliser but found themselves in the lead thanks to a Jack Payne double, the second from the spot on 39 minutes.

But the carnage was far from over as MK would go in at the break ahead following a brace from winger Gboly Ariyibi, who grew up in Oxford.

The fun started again just after the hour mark when Rob Hall hammered home an equaliser, only for Ryan Seager to restore the lead two minutes later.

United had presentable chances but that's the way it stayed and Stevenage's win over Brighton's academy side in the other Southern Group G match ensured the U's finished runners-up on goal difference to reach the second round.

The Yellows go into tomorrow's (Friday) draw knowing they will be away against the winners of group A, B, C or D unless they draw West Ham's academy side when the fixture will be at the Kassam.

Pep's call to build on league position and keep winning

PEP Clotet has challenged his Oxford United side to string a positive run of results together as the U's search for consistency.

United are in the play-off hunt but have lost their last three matches in all competitions, including defeats in the league, FA Cup and Checkatrade Trophy.

Speaking after the 4-3 loss against MK Dons on Tuesday, Clotet said: "Despite not winning the game there were a lot of positive things, [although] we obviously made some mistakes.

"We're lacking the good consistency that we need and now we've got to work very hard to get it.

"It [the defensive performance and lack of consistency] was because it was a strange game – that was a [classic] cup game where anything can happen."

The Barcelona man added: "The game was too open, especially as we were too easy defensively...we needed to make it more difficult for the opposition in those moments."

The U's host Northampton Town, who occupy the last relegation place, as they return to league action on Saturday.

Clotet said: "It's important that we take a lot of things from this [defeat to MK] and build it up into Saturday.

"We are in a very solid position in the league because of the good results in October and now we want to keep winning."

Manchester City women prove too tough for Oxford

OUFCW

OXFORD United Women were given a footballing lesson by a slick Manchester City Women side who ran out 6-0 winners in the FA WSL Continental Tyres Cup tie last week.

Setting out to stifle and frustrate their opponents the U's proved themselves capable of doing just that.

That was until just before half time when a clumsy challenge in the box gave the WSL 1 powerhouse the opportunity to take the lead.

Issy Christiansen made no mistake in converting the spot kick and, straight from the restart, Georgia Stanway capitalised on loose possession to drive the ball home and give City a 2-0 half time lead.

Oxford's best attacking opportunity came through an Ellie Noble half-chance, sending a long-range shot just wide after a surging run.

In the second half City, who boast England internationals Steph Houghton, Jill Scott and Nikita Parris in their team, pulled away as United's part-timers tired against their superior opponents.

Goals from Stanway, Claire Emslie, and two from Jen Beattie made the final scoreline 6-0 as the visitors finished their chances ruthlessly.

The U's, who have lost both their Continental Tyres Cup matches, are back in league action when they travel to Millwall Lionesses on Sunday.

Poor United limp out of FA Cup at early stage

Port Vale 2

Gavin Gunning 16, Tom Pope 53

Oxford United 0

Attendance: 3,443 (396 away)

OXFORD United endured a torrid evening as they limped out of the FA Cup at the first round stage for the first time in six years on Friday night.

The U's, who have enjoyed success against Premier League and Championship sides in the competition over the last couple of seasons, ran out of FA Cup magic as Port Vale made light of their lowly League Two position to ease to a 2-0 win.

Neil Aspin's team are 22nd in the fourth tier but, inspired by a run of three wins from their past four league games, put in a dominant performance.

Headers from Gavin Gunning and Tom Pope in either half did the damage for the Valiants, who made their seventh goalkeeping change of the campaign.

A lethargic United, who reached the fifth round last season, failed to register a shot on target.

The visitors had most of the ball and the first chance of the evening, but there was no disguising a dreadful night in front of nearly 400 travelling U's fans.

Vale took the lead thanks to a costly mistake from Oxford keeper Simon Eastwood.

U's keeper Simon Eastwood, pictured here against MK Dons earlier in the season, was not in his best form in the FA Cup

Trying to get his side on the move quickly, he bowled the ball straight to James Gibbons who surged forward and clipped a ball into the box for Gunning to nod home.

United's task became twice as hard early in the second half when a David Worrall cross found Pope who, doing what Pope does best, powered an unmarked header past the helpless Eastwood from six yards out.

The home side should have added more and United can now focus on the league with one less distraction.

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City make history

Mark Jones's side reach second round of FA Cup

Oxford City celebrate after beating League Two side Colchester United to set up a tie with Notts County **Picture:** *Michael Allen*

By George Welch

OXFORD City have been drawn away to Notts County in the Emirates FA Cup second round following the club's first win against a Football League side in their 135-year history.

The tie at Meadow Lane, home to Kevin Nolan's Sky Bet League Two leaders, will be played between December 1 and 4.

The Hoops made it through the first round by beating League Two Colchester United, who were on the wrong end of an FA Cup giant killing as City, despite riding their luck at times, returned from Essex with a 1-0 win.

The part-timers caused the upset thanks to a second half Matt Paterson header.

City boss Mark Jones admitted he would have preferred a home tie but that it was still a positive draw.

He said: "It's a fantastic tie. Notts County have lots of history and we've already got through against a League Two club so why not give it another go?

"It's obviously a really big test for us there but I think it's a good draw for us and one that we can look forward to.

"We were looking for a home draw but it is what it is and we will go there and give it our best."

Jones, whose side are struggling in the National League South relegation zone, added: "It's a good incentive for the players to make sure we perform well in the league over the next few weeks and I'm sure they'll all be wanting to get in the side when we play Notts County."

It is only the second time the club has reached the second round stage of the FA Cup.

City's run, which has so far swept aside Whitehawk, Leiston and Bognor Regis Town, has netted the club £42,500 in prize money.

Jones was full of praise for his giant killing team after knocking out their fourth opponent of the competition.

He said: "It was a great day for us and everything that we hoped would happen happened.

"Colchester had an off day and we played very well. It's tremendous for the club and these types of days don't come along very often."

But before he leads his side out against Notts County, Oxford face three pivotal league fixtures, starting with a trip to Chelmsford City on Saturday.

'We need to be on our toes to win'

A DESPONDENT Pep Clotet admitted how bad he felt after his Oxford United side crashed out of the Emirates FA Cup at the first hurdle.

Friday night's terrible 2-0 defeat at Port Vale (see inside for report) was made even worse by the fact the hosts are only out of the League Two relegation zone on goal difference.

The United boss said: "It's very frustrating and I'm very disappointed. We feel really, really bad at the moment."

The Spaniard suggested his players failed to match the energy and enthusiasm of their lower league opposition, despite putting out a strong team.

"We showed desire by putting a strong team on the pitch as I didn't make many changes," he said.

"For Port Vale, the fact they were playing Oxford, a team that is doing well in League One and plays good football, that [helps] them give a little extra.

"We have to understand and make sure we match that by being very focused and brave.

"We need to be on our toes and perform 100 per cent to be able to win football games otherwise it doesn't matter if it's against a League Two or Championship side.

"Football nowadays is so even and the team who puts in the extra [effort] always have a better chance."

The U's last FA Cup first round exit was in 2011 and, over the last couple of seasons, have enjoyed the magic of the cup by beating Premier League and Championship teams in the process.

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